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Foreword

In order for any organization to succeed, it must have unity. For this reason, the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association has been able to withstand the many obstacles that it has experienced in the past 100 years.

In our celebration of 100 years of progress, we can truthfully say that it was faith and grace that brought us safe this far and faith and grace will lead us on.

Deep gratitude is extended to each church in our Association for its support and to the late Reverend W. H. Moore for making the history of this Association possible.

We also feel indebted to all the Moderators who have labored diligently during the past 100 years. It was their leadership that led us progressively to this 100-years milestone.

I owe my sincerest appreciation to the Centennial Committee who has worked untiringly collecting and compiling data to make this Centennial Celebration possible.

Congratulations to the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association for 100 years of progress.

As we begin another 100 years, let us remember the words of the famous quotation — "United we stand, divided we fall."

BAXTER L. RICH, Moderator

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

Dr. C. R. Edwards

The Reverend B. L. Rich, Moderator
Middle District Baptist Association
113 Georgia Avenue
Goldsboro, North Carolina 27530

Dear Brother Rich,

As President of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, I am happy to extend greetings and congratulations to you and members of the Middle District Baptist Association as you observe the One Hundredth Anniversary of your Association.

The history of the Association reveals that you have been a consistent contributor to its total program. It also reveals that you have served as a leader in those endeavors that make for an abundant life for man.

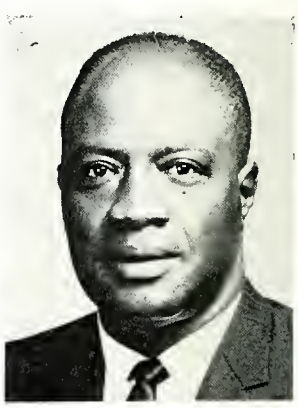
During these days of rapid change, may you continue to meet the challenge with the message of the Gospel.

On behalf of the entire General Baptist family, you have our prayers and best wishes for many more years of service to mankind.

Sincerely,
C. R. EDWARDS, President,
General Baptist State Convention of N. C., Inc.

General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.

On this occasion of The Middle District Baptist Association's Centennial Celebration, I send you my warmest congratulations. You can well be proud of the one hundred years of progress, during which you have won the public's blessings through your consistent services. Your dedicated services and achievements have progressed along with the years of the Association.



Dr. O. L. Sherrill

The General Baptist Convention deeply appreciates the very fine way in which you have supported its work. We solicit your continued support.

May God continue to bless you mightly.

Sincerely yours,
O. L. SHERRILL,
Executive Secretary

Mrs. M. A. Horne

The Woman's Baptist Home and Foreign Missionary Convention of North Carolina extends profound Congratulation to the Middle District Association on its 100 years of Christian Service. Your contributions for Missions have helped our Convention to move forward in Missions and Christian Education. Keep On Keeping On!

MRS. M. A. HORNE,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

THESE ARE ASSOCIATIONAL, COUNTY UNION AND ASSOCIATES.

Left to right: bottom — Miss W. C. Lyon, N. C.'s oldest returned Missionary for W.B.H.F.W. Convention — Mrs. T. A. Grady, life-long friend and co-worker (l-r) Mrs. E. S. Norris — Durham County Special Worker — Mrs. Pattie Walker, Secretary, New Hope Missionary Auxiliary, (Upper) Mrs. Hazel D. Bridgers, my successor in New Hope Association Auxiliary after I had served 34 years as President-Organizer.

Mrs. A. L. Filmore

G R E E T I N G S

Congratulations on a century of service to The Historic, Productive Christ-Like Middle District Missionary Baptist Association.

Having been granted the privilege of sharing the richness of your unique fellowship. — Please count me a member.

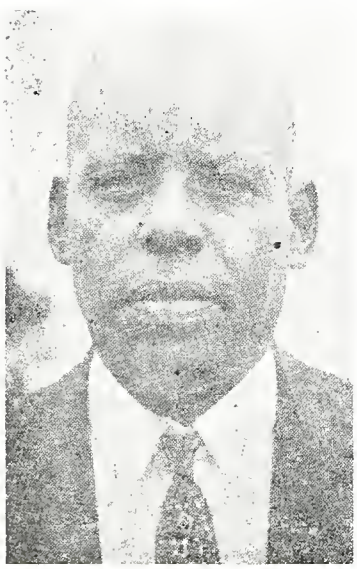
Gratefully,
ANNIE L. FILMORE
State Mission Worker

Pioneers of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association

Reverend Hayes Peterson
First Moderator of this Assoeiation

Reverend W. H. Moore, B.Th., D.D.

Reverend I. M. Powers

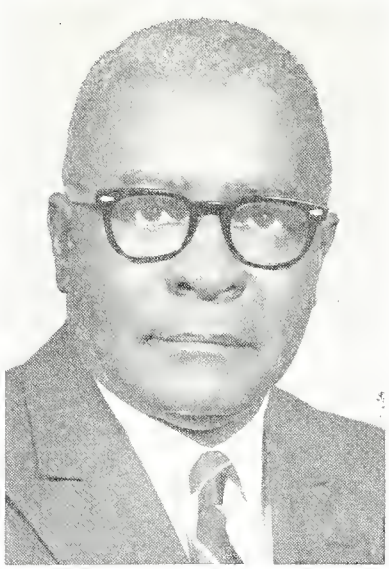


Reverend J. D. MeRae

Mr. J. M. Powers
Secretary of this Association

Reverend A. H. Dixon

Reverend B. L. Rich, Moderator of Middle District Association



Officers of Middle District Association

From left to right: Brother Owen Hall, Treasurer; Reverend F. R. DeVane, Executive Board Member; Reverend H. R. Cogdel, Executive Board Member; Brother J. W. DeVane, Executive Board Member; Reverend R. L. Carr, Vice Moderator; Reverend H. C. Dixon, Chairman of Presbytery Board; Reverend B. L. Rich, Moderator; Reverend L. B. Boykin, Recording Secretary; Reverend A. H. Murphy, Chairman of Board, and Reverend R. P. Farrior, Corresponding Secretary.

The Centennial Chairman Speaks

Reverend H. C. Dixon

I wish to congratulate the Middle District Baptist Association upon reaching this milestone in its existence — One Hundredth Anniversary. From the beginning of the organization in 1871 until October, 1971, the road has not been smooth, the work has been heavy but unity and love have overshadowed all the difficulties that we faced.

We pray God that the spirit of our forefathers will still exist until God shall call us home and there will be Peace and Joy Forevermore.

H. C. DIXON

The Centennial Committee — Greetings and Congratulations.

Pictured around table seated left to right: W. N. McGuire of Fayetteville, Mrs. Hattie R. Dobbins, Teachey; Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth, Recording Secretary, Harrells; Reverend B. L. Boykins, Rose Hill; Miss Mable Powell, Committee Member, Clinton, and Reverend H. C. Dixon, Chairman, Wilmington. Standing, left to right: C. C. DeVane, Co-Chairman, Harrells, and Mrs. Ludia Washington, Corresponding Secretary, Wallace.
Not pictured: Reverend R. L. Carr, Rose Hill, and Mrs. Lillian P. Shaw, Burgaw.

DR. J. ARCHIE HARGRAVES

The Centennial Committee
of the Middle District Association
of North Carolina

Greetings and best wishes on the occasion of your 100th Anniversary. You have a grand reason to celebrate. Your organization, rooted in the basic verities, has survived in the face of great vicissitudes. Your one hundred years reveal a record of promise, faith, hope and service.

Shaw University is pleased to congratulate you on the purpose, persuasion, backbone and spunk you have exhibited for the benefit of all of us.

May God grant you even greater opportunity to serve in the next one hundred years.

Sincerely yours,

J. Archie Hargraves

J. Archie Hargraves
President

JAH/gsc

President Richard Nixon

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 8, 1971

Dear Mrs. Hollingsworth:

President Nixon is happy to send greetings and congratulations to the members of The Middle District Baptist Association of North Carolina as you observe the 100th anniversary of its founding.

This is indeed an inportant milestone in the history of your organization, and the President shares with you and your members a deep feeling of pride upon this occasion.

The enclosed photograph is sent to you with the President's best wishes. May God's blessings be yours in abundance in the challenging years ahead.

Sincerely,

Harry S. Dent
Special Counsel
to the President

Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth
Route 1, Box 196
Harrells, North Carolina 28444

Enclosure

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
RALEIGH 27602

ROBERT W. SCOTT
GOVERNOR

June 2, 1971

Members
The Middle District Baptist Association
Wilmington, North Carolina

Greetings,

Congratulations on your association's observance of its one hundredth anniversary.

It is most fitting that you pause to reflect on the progress and development of the first 100 years. Your past gives challenge to your future.

As ever, future success will depend upon your diligence and hard work. But you are no stranger to that.

I salute you on your first 100 years of service.

I wish you continued success.

Cordially,

Robert W. Scott

Robert W. Scott

Governor Robert W. Scott

Congressman David N. Henderson

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May 25, 1971

The Centennial Committee of
The Middle District Association
of North Carolina

Dear Friends of the Centennial Committee:

The Middle District Association of North Carolina is to be commended and congratulated on its one hundred years of progress and accomplishment.

In these days when traditions die almost before they are established; when we take our heritage for granted; disregard the present; ignore the future and tend to regard everything as transient and unstable, it is comforting to see institutions, organizations and progressive movements which have stood the test of time and change.

Possibly the thing our young people need more than all else is a sense of stability. They and all of us will derive it from organizations such as yours.

My sincere commendation and best wishes for a meaningful celebration.

Yours truly,

David N. Henderson

David N. Henderson

Greetings from The Lott Carey Foreign Missionary Convention

The Lott Carey Foreign Mission in building a better world through Christian Mission has for many years "Attempted great things for God," and have expected and received great things from God through prayer, selfless service and sharing resources in Africa, Haiti and India.

I, your humble Executive Secretary Treasurer of the Foreign Mission Convention, am honored in being permitted to share in felicitating The Middle District Baptist Association as you celebrate your Centennial marking one hundred years of growth and progress.

You have been a tower of strength in your devotion and liberality to the cause of Christian Mission and Christian Education. It has been largely due to your consistant love and support that has made it possible for The Lott Carey Foreign Mission to reach its present status. "The Association of Distinction."

God bless you as you celebrate your Centennial.

WENDELL C. SOMERVILLE,
Executive Secretary-Treasurer

Dr. W. C. Somerville

Greetings . . .

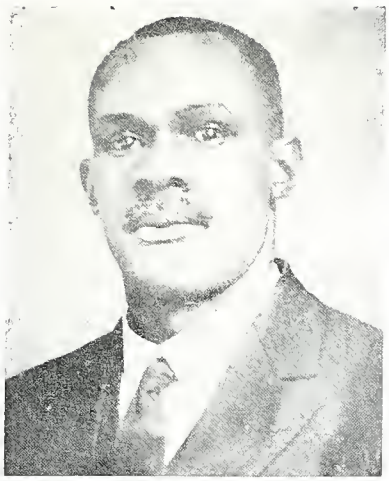
MRS. MAGGIE L. HOLLINGSWORTH

Secretary of Souvenir Centennial Journal

Greetings and Congratulations to The Middle District Baptist Association as you celebrate your one hundred years of growth and progress.

A retired teacher and world traveler, North Carolina College graduate with further study at the Universities of Chapel Hill, Columbia, Utah and Indiana. Tours taken through the States, Canada, England, France, The Islands of Jamaica, Haiti, Puerto Rico, Saint Thomas and Virgin Islands, Barbados and other islands of the Caribbean Sea. A civic, social and community worker and in all phases of church auxiliaries.

I hope for you even greater success in the work you are doing in the years ahead. May God ever bless you.



LATE DR. W. H. MOORE, D.D.

LATE MRS. CLARA A. MOORE

"A life dedicated to service." Dr. Moore was affiliated with The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association in the early part of his ministry. Soon after connecting with the Baptist State bodies he served in nearly every capacity in these organizations: Recording Secretary of the Association; Organizer and Counsellor of The Middle District Ushers Association; President of North East and Cape Fear Sunday School Convention; Recording Secretary of The Baptist State Convention of N. C. Later Corresponding Secretary of this Convention; Member of The Lott Cary Foreign Mission Executive Board. He was the pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church for thirty seven years. His civic and fraternal activities many but he was remembered most in the denominational gathering of which he was a vitalizing factor for many years. Dr. Moore truly was an exponent of Christian Education and Home and Foreign Mission.

The Late Mrs. Clara A. Moore, wife of The Late Dr. W. H. Moore of Wilmington, N. C., was active in the Denominational work. President of her church's Missionary society, a Sunday School teacher, Financial Secretary of Shiloh Baptist Church, President of the City and County Union. Fourth Vice President of The Woman's Home and Foreign Mission of North Carolina and a faithful member of the Woman's Auxiliary of The Lott Carey Missionary through the years.

A Historical Sketch

Great organizations in history do not begin or end on any specific dates, instead, they reach back into the minds and hearts of men sometimes to the actual beginning of the event. So, it is with the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association which this year celebrates its one hundredth Anniversary of continued growth and development.

According to written records the first meeting of this Association was called at Ebenezer Baptist Church, Wilmington, N. C. October 1871, Reverend W. H. Banks from the State of Virginia was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Wilmington. For some cause a division occurred and the pastor with a number of members withdrew and organized The Ebenezer Baptist Church. Reverend M. A. Greene united with Reverend Banks and began the organization with eighteen churches in the counties of New Hanover, Duplin, Sampson, Pender, Bladen and New Brunswick, ordaining men and establishing the work generally of the gospel.

Reverend Ransom Royals, Reverend Richard Keathern and Reverend William DeVane were among the men and were lifelong friends of The Middle District Baptist Missionary Association which they had formed. Some of the churches who composed the organization were Ebenezer, Canetuck, Moores Creek, Keathern Chapel, Adoram, Friendship, N e w k i r k s Chapel, Pikes Creek, Saint Matthews, Providence, Lakes Chapel and Royal Chapel.

Reverend E. J. Bell, Reverend William DeVane and Reverend Henry Andrews were appointed as missionaries to labor in these counties to organize new churches and build up the work in general. The money raised in the first few years was given to the weaker churches.

The Burgaw High School with the late Prof. J. A. Fennell, Principal, 1907-1914, was the product of The Middle District Association. This School provided a decided blessing in many respects to that section of N. C. 1914-1942, under the leadership of the late Professor C. F. Pope and his wife, Mrs. Lizize Pope can be remembered for laboring to make it one among the best in the state. The Middle District Association retained its title to his valuable property and supported it until it was unable to cope with the present day system and standards of education. Hence The C. F. Pope High School was taken over and financed by the State and County and the name being changed to The Burgaw Elementary School of Pender County. The Middle District Association retained and restored much of this property and buildings for Religious training for their ministers and women missionary work, and as a center for other special meetings. Professor C. H. Smith served as principal until June, 1971.

The first moderators of the Association were Reverend William DeVane, Reverend J. L. Fennell, Reverend Andrew Carr, Reverend Hayes Peterson, Reverend J. D. McRae and Reverend B. L. Rich, present moderator.

The first secretaries were Reverend Albert Fennell, Reverend I. M. Powers, Reverend H. B. Herring, Reverend W. H. Moore, Reverend H. O. Rhoe, Reverend H. C. Dixon and present Secretary, Reverend B. J. Boykins.

The early ministers of the Association were Reverend W. H. Banks, Reverend William DeVane, Reverend E. J. Bell, Reverend R. Royals, Reverend I. M. Powers, Reverend Stephen Carr, Reverend W. H. Anderson, Reverend Madison Johnson, Reverend R. C. Murray, Reverend Elijah Tate, and Reverend Hayes Peterson.

Some present day ministers are Reverend B. L. Rich, Reverend H. C. Cogdell, Reverend F. R. DeVane, Reverend J. M. Grimes, Reverend G. P. House, Reverend W. E. Beamon, Reverend R. Stringfield, Reverend H. C. Dixon, Reverend L. B. Boykins, Reverend J. L. Ezzell, Reverend R. P. Farrior, Reverend R. L. Carr, Reverend A. G. Boone and Reverend R. W. Lowe. These and many other ministers of The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association have given their labor of love, a service with joy and have a great concern for growth and progress.

Those pioneers who were present in the beginning have gone to their eternal reward without receiving the credit due them in devoting themselves to this organization built far better than they knew, although we have no records covering many of these years of service it is well know that in the first constitution drawn missionaries were working in the state and extended in the foreign lands of Africa, India, Haiti and other foreign countries. Missionaries who gave their lives to service were Sister Roberta Bunn of Selma, North Carolina, Mrs. Martha Brown of Maxton, Mrs. Sallie A. Mial of Raleigh, Mrs. Cora Pair Thomas 1909-1946, should long be remembered for what they did.

Other outstanding missionaries are Dr. O. L. Sherrill, Executive Secretary of General Baptist State Convention with headquarters in Raleigh, North Carolina, and Dr. W. C. Somerville, Executive Secretary, Lott Carey Convention with headquarters in Washington, D. C. His work extends to countries in Africa, India, Haiti and other neded countries of the world.

The auxiliaries of The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association are The North East and Cape Fear Convention organized at Lakes Chapel Church in Pender County July 1882 by Reverend Ransom Royals, the first President, The present President is Reverent H. C. Dixon of Wilmington, North Carolina. The first Secretary was Professor C. H. Smith of Burgaw. The second Secretary was Professor J. M. Powers. The present Secretary is Mr. C. H. Powers.

The Middle District Missionary Daughters of Zion was organized in 1876 by Mrs. W. H. Banks and Mrs. E. McKenzie. Mrs. Banks was the first President; Second, Mrs. McKenzie; Third, Mrs. Donnah Johnson; Fourth, Mrs. A. M. Hayes Kea; Fifth, Mrs. Lizzie Newkirk and Sixth, the present President, Mrs. Helen K. Carr. Secretaries: Mrs. Mary E. Hollingsworth who served fifty years and the present Secretary, Mrs. Beatrice P. Fennell.

A Historical Sketch

Reverend Ransom Royals served as the first Counsellor, Reverend Hayes Peterson, the second, the present counsellor is Reverend R. L. Carr.

The Middle District Ushers Association was organized by Reverend W. H. Moore in Shiloh Baptist Church, Wilmington, North Carolina in 1907. Brother Edward Powers of Wallace served as president. The present president is Mr. J. W. DeVane of Harrells, North Carolina. Mrs. Edna Wallace, Secretary.

The B.Y.P.U. was organized by Reverend J. D. McRae at Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Rose Hill, North Carolina. After being authorized by the Association in 1929. Reverend McRae was the first President. The present President is Reverend R. P. Farrior of Rose Hill, North Carolina. The first Secretaries were Mrs. Mary R. Fennell and Miss Lucile Murray. The present Secretary is Mrs. Carrie Gausse.

The Middle District Union Meeting was organized in 1872 by the ministers and churches composing the parent body. The present President is Reverend H. C. Cogdell of Fayetteville, North Carolina. The Secretary is Reverend Richard Stringfield. This Meeting meets Friday before every Fifth Sunday in the year.

The Layman's League was organized in 1949. This gave the brethren their mission. They are given a vital part in spreading the word of God that more souls might be evangelized. The first President of this convention was C. F. Graves. Succeeding him was Frank Marshall who is presently serving. The president of The Middle District Laymen's League is Brother Oscar Murray of Willard, The Secretary is Brother Lynwood McAlister of Atkinson, North Carolina.

The One Day Session of The Women's Missionary Department of The Middle District Association which is always held the last Thursday in September. The present president is Mrs. Lucile Mack of Wallace, N. C. The Secretary, Mrs. Gladys Dobbins, General Supervisor is Mrs. Bessie J. Wilson.

Shaw University, situated in Raleigh, the Capital of the State, has done much in uplifting our race and giving religious instruction. It was begun by Dr. Tupper with the aid of his Northern friends. Not only was Religion taught but the Liberal Arts, Law and Pharmacy. It is a co-education University. Other Presidents that followed were Dr. Francis Meserve, Dr. J. L. Peacock, Dr. Stewart Nelson, Dr. R. P. Daniels, Dr. William Strassner, Dr. James Cheek and Brother, Dr. King Cheek and at present, Dr. A. Hargraves.

The present officers of The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association are:

Reverend B. L. Rich, Moderator, Goldsboro, N. C.; Reverend R. L. Carr, Vice Moderator, Rose Hill, N. C.; Reverend L. B. Boykin, Recording Secretary, Rose Hill, N. C.; Reverend R. P. Farrior, Corresponding Secretary, Rose Hill, N. C.; Deacon Owen Hall, Treasurer, Wilmington, N. C.

The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association has made much progress in the first hundred years because the people had a zeal and courage to work and go forth in the second for greater accomplishments to reach our goals in service to mankind.

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Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth
Historian.

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES FROM

THE RIGHT REVEREND HERBERT BELL SHAW

PRESIDING BISHOP

SECOND EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL ZION CHURCH

Adoram Baptist Church — Wallace, N. C.

The Adoram Baptist Church was organized by Reverend Richard Keaton, an Indian of mixed blood, in September, 1867.

Reverend Keaton, founder and first pastor, has been succeeded by the following pastors: Reverends Sitter Lewis, Henry Carr, J. H. Baines, G. H. White, J. I. Fennell, M. Johnson, A. M. Conway, L. T. Christmas, G. L. Stitch, A. C. Murray, I. M. Powers, C. T. Underwood, H. Peterson, J. N. McKnight, C. C. Morrisey, L. C. Riddick, M. C. Hawkins, N. H. Hargett and J. L. Ezzell, present pastor.

Present Board of Deacons — Walter Kenan, George Keith, Fitzhugh Newton, Alex Bryant.

Present Board of Trustees — Walter Kenan, James Pierce, Walter James, Gordon Newkirk, and Harry Wells.

Sunday School — Superintendent, Mrs. Edna Wallace; Assistant Superintendents, Ernest Stallings and John H. Draughon; Secretary, Mrs. Davetta Herring; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Anna Powers.

Usher Board — President, Mrs. Thelma B. James; Vice President, Mrs. Arlene Davis; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Wallace; Assistant Secretary, Miss Arnetta James; Treasurer, Mrs. Louise Boney.

Young Women's Progressive Club —President, Mrs. Mary J. Lowrie; Secretary, Mrs. S. D. Chatman; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Wallace, and Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Ingram.

Men's Opportunity Club — President, James A. Pierce; Secretary, John H. Daughon, and Treasurer, David E. Jordan.

Senior Mission — President, Mrs. Georgeanna Bryant; Secretary, Mrs. Willie Simmons, and Treasurer, Mrs. Maggie Williams.

Daughters of Zion — President, Mrs. Fannie G. Keith; Vice President, Mrs. Callie Stevens; Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Bryant; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Marian Matthews; and Treasurer, Mrs. Davetta Herring.

As we mark this milestone we extend congratulations and best wishes —

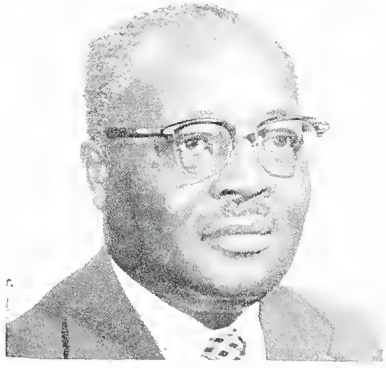
REVEREND JACK L. EZZELL, Pastor

Andrews Chapel Baptist Church

ROUTE 2, CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Clerk — Mrs. Mildred P. Fowler Assistant — Mrs. Maggie Burton
Deacons: Brother C. D. Williamson
Brother W. C. Worthy
Brother Earl Colwell
Brother Fulton Williamson
Brother A. H. Williamson
Pianist: Mr. Frank Howard
Pastor: Reverend J. H. Carraway Bethel, North Carolina
Miss Mabel Powell, Donor of Picture
Chairman of Trustee Board: Brother Joseph Williamson
Sunday School Superintendent: Deacon Fulton Williamson

The church was established in the early 1920's. Since that time it has progressed in size and enrollment. Services are held on the second and fourth Sundays respectfully.



Reverend J. H. Carraway

History of Antioch Baptist Church

Less than sixty years ago a small group of people left their mother church, First African Baptist, to organize a church. The first Deacon Board consisted of the following men: Brothers R. W. Pate, Mack Morgan, Leonard Boyette, William Arrington, Henry Powell and John Cobb. Mrs. Ruth Booth was mother of the church. Dr. W. C. Carter was Director of music with Mrs. Julia Hagans as organist. Dr. Carter was also Superintendent of the Sunday School and Mrs. John Cobb as sexton. Reverend Marshall Grantham served as president of the BYPU. A Missionary Department was organized with Mrs. Anna B. Scott as president. Mrs. Hulda Dove succeeded her.

Reverend Lattie Powell was called as the first pastor. Services were conducted in the Odd Fellow's Hall on South George Street. It was under Reverend Powell's administration that the present site was purchased from Mrs. Eunice Borden. Reverend J. C. Melton was the second pastor and during his pastorate the present structure was erected. Reverend J. D. McRae followed Reverend Melton. For a brief period, Reverend Telfair Wells and Reverend O. J. Scott served being followed by Reverend B. F. Johnson. Reverend C. C. Staten succeeded Reverend Johnson. Reverend C. D. Lipscomb, Reverend R. C. Stover and Reverend J. V. Brown and Reverend Hassell Joyner served before Reverend Louis Wright was called. Reverend B. L. Rich became our pastor and served for twenty years. Reverend J. E. Arnette served following the resignation of Reverend Rich.

The Reverend Robert L. Davis followed Reverend Arnette and was installed as pastor in 1970. Looking back through the years, one may have a feeling of nostalgia, however we are filled with utmost joy to know that the following men were inspired to preach: Reverends Telfair Wells, O. J. Scott, Marshall Grantham, Fred Dove, Leon Pridgen, Lonnie Dawson, James Brewington, and Lafayette Riddick. Most of these men were as plants in a garden. They were planted, weeded, watered with their roots well cultivated in spiritual training.

Pastor ..... Reverend R. L. Davis

Board of Deacons ..... Jessie D. Herring, Chairman

Board of Trustees ..... Mack L. Hicks, Chairman

Sunday School Superintendent ..... Jesse Smith

Deacons of Antioch Baptist Church

CONGRATULATIONS — ON THIS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

BETHOLITE CHURCH — Magnolia, North Carolina

Pastor: Reverend E. H. Stevenson

Clerk: Mrs. Lillie A. Savage "Deceased"

Clerk Now: Mrs. Lillian Farrior

Deacons: Brother G. H. Newkirk
Brother Dudley Hooker
Brother Thomas Johnson

Pianist: Mrs. Hattie F. Brice

Sunday School Superintendent: Mrs. Clep Lane

Secretary of Sunday School: Mrs. Pearlenia Lee

REVEREND E. H. STEVENSON

Reverend A. H. Dixon pastored our church longer than any other pastor.

Service is held each first Sunday in the month.

MOUNT CALVARY No. 1

Rev. R. L. Carr

In the late 20's two miles east of Willard, N. C., Alberta Jones organized a Sunday School in a hay loft located on a farm where she lived. Her brother-in-law, the late Reverend John W. Jones, named it Mount Calvary. The name was carried in to the Convention and later the late Reverend Andrew Boney of Wilmington, North Carolina began preaching every first Sunday evening.

Mrs. Jones' husband, the late Dock E. Jones gave land and constructed a building. The fifth Sunday in August, 1936, Reverend R. L. Carr of Rose Hill, North Carolina, organized a church. Revival began that Monday night and Mount Calvary received her first members: Alberta Sessoms, Ellouise Jones, Richard Hall and Dock E. Jones. First Deacons were Brothers Joe Oliver, Dock E. Jones and Alex Williams.

Reverend R. L. Carr resigned in 1940, Reverend E. L. Matthews was called, more land was purchased and a larger building constructed. In 1945 Reverend Archie Carr was called. In 1948 Reverend C. L. Fennell was called and remained until death 22 years later. He helped the church to raise money for a new building, now under construction. The present pastor, Reverend J. L. Utley of Wilmington, North Carolina, was called in 1970.

Mrs. Jones

Canetuck Baptist Church, Currie, North Carolina

Canetuck Baptist Church

Reverend G. P. House

To meet the spiritual desires of the Baptists in the community of Currie, North Carolina, Reverend Dick Keathron, organized the Canetuck Baptist Church in the year of 1868.

Our first church was a bush shelter with Canetuck and Rosey Green Baptist Churches combined.

Our first church after the Bush Shelter, was a frame building. Second and third were frame buildings. Our present church is made of blocks.

The pastors who succeeded Reverend Keathron are as follows, Reverend William DeVane, Reverend Ransom Royals, Reverend Henry Bryant, Reverend J. N. McKnight, Reverend L. T. Bonds, Reverend J. D. McCrae. Our present pastor, Reverend G. P. House. Reverend Israel Henry was ordained from Canetuck Church.

The first Board of Deacons were Lewis Keith, Henry Berdeaux, Robert Barnhill, Isiah Heyer, William Beatty, Wash Beatty, Robert Keith, A. D. Herring, Arthur Bowens, Daniel Lewis, Timothy Pollard and George Pridgeon.

Our present board of Deacons are Deacons Leo Kea, Clarence Henry and Jesse Keith.

Our Sunday School was also organized in 1868. Our first Superintendents were Howard Barnhill, Aaron Bannerman, M. A. Larkins, A. D. Herring, Eugene Bibbs, Clarence Henry and Ernest Keith. Our present Superintendent is Leo Kea.

First President of Zion Helen Carr, who is also our present President.

First President of the Missionary Circle was Mary E. Henry. Our present President is Estelle Keith. First B.T.U. Presidents were Blanchie Larkins and Athalice Pridgeon. Our present president is Annie F. Clark.

Presidents of the Usher Board are Leo Kea and Mary J. Colvin.

This Church has made much progress through these years, and has provided spiritual comfort and fellowship for the community of Pender County. We extend congratulations to this Association for having witnessed its one hundred years of service.

REVEREND G. P. HOUSE, Pastor
MRS. MAZEL CROMARTIE, Secretary

Front View

Side View

Christian Chapel Baptist Church No. 1

ROSE HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

The church is believed to have been organized soon after the close of slavery. It stood in a community known as Chapel. For many years, it was the main attraction of the community. It has always been noted for its broad outreach and sound Christian principles. It grew under the leadership of many dedicated and concentrated ministers — some of whom were: Reverends Andrew Carr, Robert Murray, Hayes Peterson, W. H. Walker, F. E. Cobbs, J. D. McCrae, George R. Dudley, T. Tolley Williams, W. B. Sasser, Tom R. Cowan, Charlie R. Murray, G. Allen Boyd, H. O. Rhoe, Harry L. Moore, James G. Smith, and J. Leroy Herring.

During Reverend McCrae's pastorate, the church was moved from its beginning location about a mile or more to a new location. There it continued to grow in all phases until 1943 when a division arose causing part of the embers to move to Highway -- and take the name New Christian Chapel.

However, the church grew under the leadership of Reverend G. Allen Boyd until he left the state. Reverend Rhoe continued to lead the church and during his pastorate in 1954, the church was moved to its new location on Highway 50 about 12 miles southeast of Kenansville, North Carolina. A new block building was erected. Continuous efforts are being made to modernize the church. Each of the recent pastors has contributed untiringly to the growth of the church in every respect.

The church is noted for furnishing some of the Association's outstanding ministers — some of whom were the late Reverends Obied Carr, John R. Matthews, A. H. Dixon, R. V. Graham, E. L. Matthews. ALIVE — Reverends R. L. Carr, H. C. Dixon and R. P. Farrior.

The present deacons are Leslie Kelly, Johnnie M. Farrior, Linwood Williams. The present trustees are W. A. Dixon, Joseph Farrior, H. C. Dixon, Franklin Carlton.

This church congratulates the Association for its one hundred years of growth and fellowship.

We say as our motto: "Lead on, Oh King Eternal."

REVEREND J. L. HERRING, Present Pastor
MRS. LUDIA D. WASHINGTON, Secretary

Christian Light Baptist Church

Reverend W. J. Boykin

Christian Light Baptist Church

Rev. B L. Rich

The history of the Christian Light Baptist Church, Route 2, Autryville, North Carolina.

The church was established in 1922, under the leadership of the late Reverend Rhone.

The building committee consisted of the late J. W. Simpson, Deacon J. T. Simpson, and Gurthurie Crumpler.

The ministers that have pastored Christian Light Baptist Church are as follows:

Reverends Will Rhone, Tom Cowan, Hayes Peterson, Leavy Peterson, James Jackson, John Faison, Willie McAllister, Otto Smith, and B. L. Rich (1946-1970).

Presently serving: Reverend W. J. Boykin, Pastor; Deacons, R. H. Fort, P. C. Melvin, James Allen, and C. F. Simpson.

Recording Secretary is Mary Bell Smith, Route 2, Box 189, Autryville, North Carolina 28318.

CRYSTAL SPRING MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

LELAND, NORTH CAROLINA

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Chureh was established in the late 1930's with Brother L. C. McKoy, Sr. as founder. The chureh was organized and set up by the late Reverend Hayes Peterson, under the auspiees of the Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church as "Mother church," from which Deacon James Bryant and the late Deacon Andrew Perkins were sent to help Deaeon McKoy in offieiating.

The first official pastor was the Reverend R. L. Carr who served for approximately two years. Following Reverend Carr's pastorate came the Reverend A. H. Murphy. For approximately 25 years Reverend Murphy labored with this small chureh as it grew in all aspects. Reverend Sam Moss pastored for about two years. The late Reverend Thomas Neal led the floek until his sudden death, leaving behind a wealth of love and respeet for his dutiful reign as pastor and father. This eannot be completed without saying words of praise in behalf of Reverend Dock Owens, Assistant pastor. For many years his assistance has been strength and salvation.

At present the church is continually going forward under the leadership of Reverend E. H. Stevenson, Pastor. Reverend Dock Owens, Assistant Pastor.

Deacons: Brothers L. C. McKoy, Sr., Chairman; Henry Robinson, and Joseph Ballard, Sr.

Trustees: Brothers Sylvester Ballard, Chairman; Freddie MeKnight, Willie Bryant, Olices Robinson, Frank Melvin, Jr., and Charlie Ballard.

Sister Sadie Bryant, President of Usher Board. Brother Sylvester Ballard, Church Treasurer. Sister Emily Ballard, Church Clerk. Sister Annie McKnight, Superintendent of Sunday School; Brother James Bryant, District Superintendent.

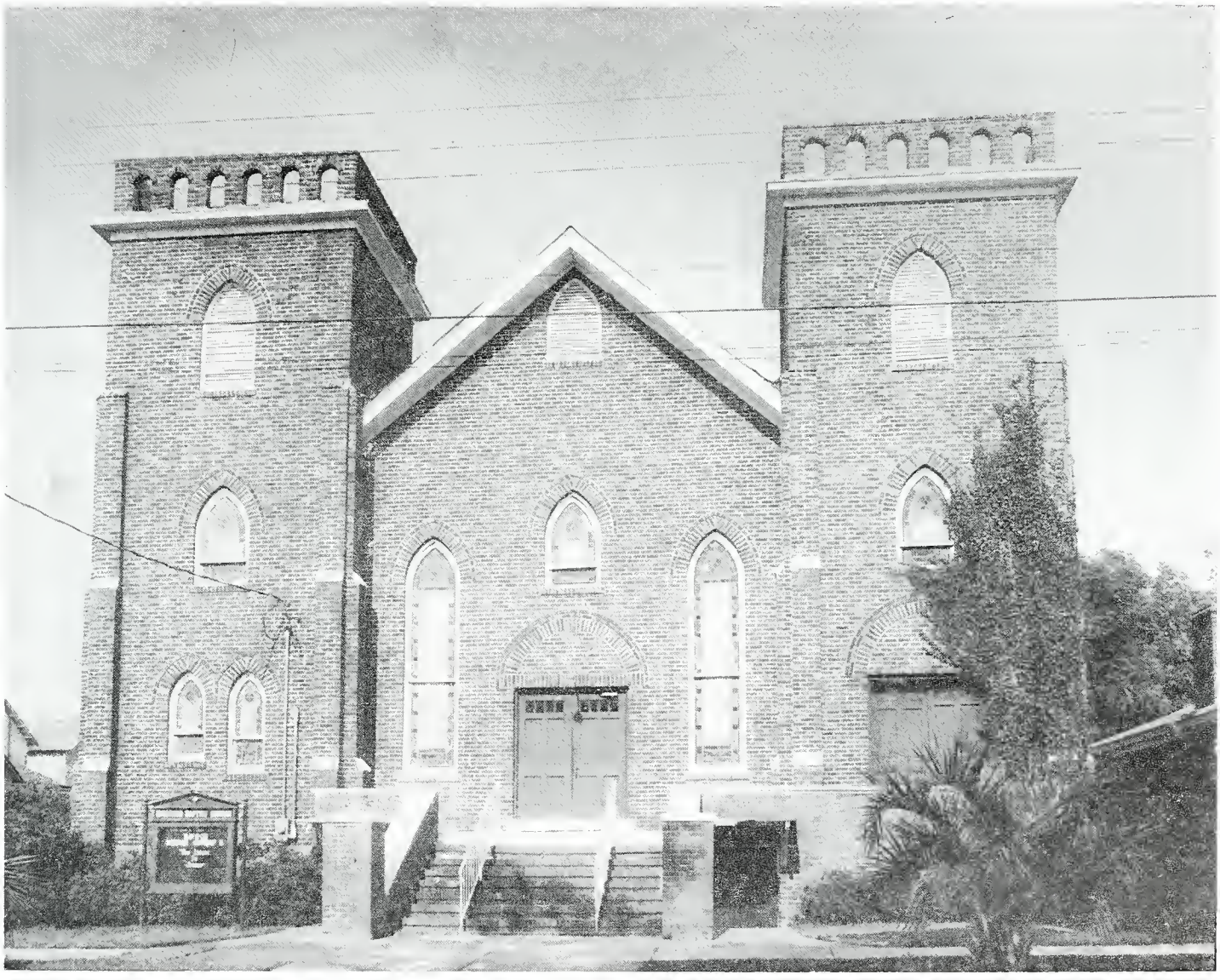
Chureh Mothers: Mrs. Martha Rowell, Mrs. August Perkins, Mrs. Emily McKoy, and Mrs. Fleeta McLeod, Church Musician.

Crystal Spring Missionary Baptist Chureh

The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church

209-211 South Seventh Street
WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA
THE REVEREND O'KELLY LAWSON, Pastor

1868 "Over A Century of Service to God and Humanity" 1971



The Ebenezer Missionary Baptist Church family, is pleased that the Middle District Association decided to celebrate the Centennial Anniversary of the Association with Ebenezer, the place of its birth.

We welcome you home and we congratulate you on One Hundred years of Christian service. It does not yet appear what we shall be. The Black Church in America, a unique phenomenon, must let the world know that there is "Balm in Gilead."

History of The Falling Run Missionary Baptist Church

Falling Run Missionary Baptist Church and Pastor, Reverend Rudolph Tripp

The history of the Falling Run Missionary Baptist Church dates back to the year 1872. That was the year that Reverend William Devane assisted by the Reverend Ranson Royal and a group sent out by the First Baptist Church of Fayetteville, North Carolina for the purpose of organizing a church in this section of Cumberland County known as Old Falling Run located on the East Bank of Cape Fear River.

Reverend Devane came to Cumberland County at the request of two brothers, namely Brothers. James Kelly and Brother Washington Evans. Reverend Devane made the journey up the Cape Fear River by steamboat. Upon his arrival in the community, he met with some of the people. Among the first to meet him was Brother Allen McDaniel and his wife Margaret, who formed a friendly relationship. Reverend Devane very quickly sensed the needs of the people, having recently come out from under the chains of slavery. He immediately began to administer to both the spiritual and the intellectual needs of the people both by preaching and teaching school under a brush shelter built by the people of the community and later in a frame building of worship.

In 1894, under the leadership of Reverend Hayes Peterson, a plot of land was purchased and another structure was erected about three miles north of the old church site.

In 1953, the church and pastor feeling the need of a more modern edifice under the leadership of our own son, Reverend H. R. Cogdell, began working toward that end. In 1957, he resigned to accept another call.

In 1958, the church extended a call to the Reverend O. L. Bennett, who began immediately to work to complete the building, even though not completed we entered the present building for worship in 1959. Reverend Bennett served until his death in 1968.

The following ministers served the church as pastors during its existence. First Pastor, Reverend William M. Devane; then Reverend Hayes Peterson, Reverend Solomon Devane, Reverend G. W. Moore, Reverend Elijah Tate, Reverend M. R. Robinson, Reverend A. H. Dixon, Reverend J. D. Cowan, Reverend F. R. Devane, Reverend G. W. White, Reverend G. H. Corbett, Reverend M. L. Dawson, Reverend W. H. Hill, Reverend A. A. Heartley, Reverend Sampson David, Reverend H. R. Cogdell, Reverend O. L. Bennett, and our present pastor, Reverend Rudolph Tripp.

PRESENT OFFICERS

Reverend Rudolph Tripp ..... Pastor
Deacon S. R. McDaniel .... Chairman, Deacon Board
Deacon Eugene Evans
Deacon Andrew Cogdell
Deacon Fletcher Fort
Deacon Wm. N. McGuire, Chairman, Trustee Board
Arlie B. Evans ..... Clerk

GREETINGS FROM

FIRST BAPTIST CHARITY

Rose Hill, North Carolina

In 1927, this church was organized in a church structure by Reverend D. C. Fennell. It was located across the road from its present location. Later during the same year, a tract of land was purchased from Jake (Tom) Teachey on which the frame structure was erected. It has progressed continuously under the leadership of the following pastors: Reverends D. C. Fennell, S. L. Stanford, J. L. Livingstone, Sam Moss, Sr., A. H. Murphy, and presently Reverend Mam Moss, Sr.

The first Board of Deacons consisted of Brothers Robert Dixon and Jim Brinson, who were borrowed from First Baptist Rose Hill and Kenansville, respectively, H. D. Chasten, and Coy Farrior. The present board consists of Brothers J. R. Carr, Sam Rochelle, Fernald Rawls, Sr., Odell Chasten, and A. J. Dixon.

In 1964, a new block structure, modern inside and out, was erected. The tall, towering steeple and beautiful masonry work of the building adds to the community, as it stands beside the road.

Our progress has been due to faith and hope of members and friends in and around the church, but most reverently we give thanks to our Heavenly Father who has guided us with his loving care.

First Baptist Charity wishes to join the many other churches in congratulating the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association for its 100 years of untiring labor.

REVEREND SAM MOSS, SR., Pastor
MRS. MAZELLE LISANE, Clerk

First Baptist Deep Bottom

The First Baptist Church of Sloan (Deep Bottom), North Carolina, was first organized in 1906. Our first services were held in an old school house. In 1914, we built a frame church adjacent to the school building. As our church grew, we expanded into a cinder block building. As one project ends, with us another begins.

Our first official pastor was the Reverend W. C. Cowan. Succeeding him as leaders of our flock were Reverends Nicholas Moore, Pearley Alderman, L. B. Boykins, Willie Johnson, S. H. Newkirk, F. R. DeVane, A. B. Barley, L. R. Reeves and our present pastor, Reverend J. T. Simpson.

Our church began in the service of God with 20 willing workers. Today our membership has a following of 150.

Our organizing Deacon Board — Senior Deacons: Brothers Tinnon Teachey, Wesley Spearman, Willie Judge, Mike Williams, and Gus Williams.

Our Deacons of today are Brothers J. E. Teachey, M. R. Bryant, J. W. Taylor, and Ward Scarborough.

Our Sunday School started with 10 members with Brother Oscar Savage as first Superintendent. Today our membership has 40 members with Brother Willie Spearman as Superintendent, Brother J. W. Taylor, and our Second Bible Class led by Sister Ernestine Savage.

Our Trustees of today: Brothers M. R. Bryant, J. L. Lofton, Levy Fillyaw and Ward Scarborough.

Our Church Mother is Sister Mattie Judge and our Church Secretary is Brother Willie Spearman.

Our Ushers of today: Brother J. L. Lofton, President; Sister M. V. Taylor, Sister Irene Scarborough, L. M. Thomas, Velma Lofton, H. M. Spearman and Rena Hall.

Our Choir of today: Brother Liston Matthews, President with 20 members.

The First Baptist Church congratulates the Association on its 100 years of service in God's Vineyard and pray that we all, as tillers of the soil for God, keep on keeping on.

REVEREND J. T. SIMPSON, Pastor

First Baptist Church, Garland, N. C.

S. J. McDonald

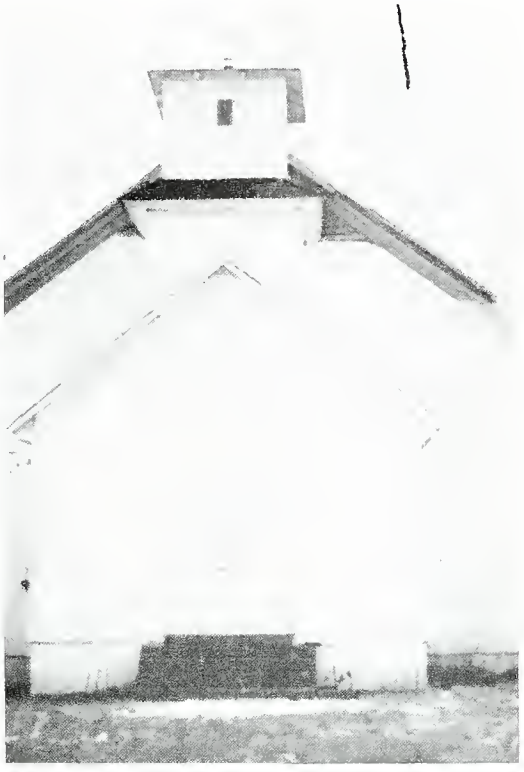
This Church was begun under a bush shelter in 1915 as a Sunday School with Brother Charlie Spell, Willie Wright and Fen Moore and in 1916 it was organized under the leadership of Reverend J. O. Frayar of Turkey, North Carolina by The Western Union Association. In 1920 it moved into the Middle District under the leadership of Reverend A. H. Dixon whose deacons were Charlie Spell, Richard Boone and John Cooper. At this time the pastor was Reverend T. T. Williams of Goldsboro, North Carolina. Other pastors serving were Reverend H. H. Hart of Durham, Reverend F. R. Devone of Atkinson, Reverend R. H. Johnson, Reverend J. L. Williams of Evergreen, Reverend S. J. McKinnon who was killed in an automobile accident July 30, 1967, Reverend S. J. McDonald of Parkton, our present pastor, with the present board being Deacons William Devone, Graham Johnson, Jacob Spell, Frank Kerr, Malachi Murphy, J. H. Newkirk and Henry Lee Treadwell, Chairman.

Supt. H. L. Treadwell

Our Auxiliaries are the Sunday School with Mr. Henry Lee Treadwell, Superintendent. The Daughters of Zion Auxiliary, B.T.U. Usher Board and Missionary Circles.

The mother of our church and church clerk is Mrs. Rena Cromartie.

We salute you on your One Hundredth Year Anniversary and wish you many more successful years to come.



First Baptist Church, Garland

SAINT MARY BAPTIST CHURCH EXTENDS

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Former Pastor, REVEREND G. L. FENNELL

Present Pastor, REVEREND W. A. BONEY

NOTE OF THANKS

We, The Centennial Committee, would like to extend to Dr. W. R. Gregg our thanks for the guidance and service he has rendered to us, The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association for the last two decades.

He has been instrumental in opening the doors of relationship by living and working as brothers among us.

Dr. W. R. Gregg

Congratulations From
First Baptist Church of Armour — Riegelwood

First Baptist Church of Armour was founded in the year of 1919 by Reverend Hayes Peterson.

The first pastor was the late Reverend Henry Bryant. Wright Singletary and Gus Bryant were the Deacons at that time.

Reverend L. B. Boykins has been the pastor for forty-one years. Archie Brown and Arthur Saulter were the Deacons at that time.

The Deacons now are James Troy, James David Keith, Willie Bress. The Deacons to be are James O'Dell Moore and Frederick King.

History of First Baptist Church of Rose Hill, North Carolina

Deacons of First Baptist Church of Rose Hill

The Rose Hill Mount Gilliard Baptist Church was organized about 1887 when it was conceived in the hearts of Brother John Fennell, Brother Bob Murray and Brother Ed. Murphy. Reverend George Davis was the first preacher and Brother Lige Tate and Brother Brister Fussell were the first deacons. Sister Eliza Jane Newkirk, the mother of Brother Claude Newkirk and Sister Susan Newkirk Johnson, and her sister Mittie donated the land.

The present site of the Church was the original one donated, but the building has gone through several changes. Originally the door faced north, but when the new road was built, the Church door was changed to face the south as it is today. Changes were made during Reverend Williams' pastorate. The first balcony was built. Later the balcony was changed during Reverend Grimes' pastorate.

There has always been a choir in the Church but Reverend Boney, being interested in the total Church program, attended choir rehearsals and used hymns to complement his sermons. It was during this time that the Church's name was changed to First Baptist.

The following pianists have served the church: Miss Savannah Fennell, Miss Annette Newkirk, and Mrs. Hattie R. Dobbins. Mrs. Annie G. Batts is our present organist and director.

As far back as our records go, the following Sunday School Superintendents have served: Brothers John Murphy, Albert Simpson, Tomy Coston, Charlie Williams, and our present Superintendent, William D. Fennell.

Our Church Secretaries were: Mrs. Leona Bryant and Professor Alexander Carr, Charles McKoy and Mrs. Margaret Henry.

The Daughters of Zion was organized by Mrs. Flora Henry many years ago. Today it has grown under the presidency of Mrs. M. L. Mallard.

The Missionary Circle is a vital auxiliary of the Church that had its humble beginning with Mrs. Johnnie Wells, Mrs. Flora Henry, Mrs. Lula Brown, Mrs. Deenie Robinson and others who met weekly to sing and pray and to do good deeds for the needy.

The Pastor's Aid Club was organized by Reverend J. W. Wiliams and is still alive and growing.

The Brotherhood and Mother's Clubs were organized by Reverend J. M. Grimes. They are a definite asset to the Church.

The Deacon Board: Brothers H. V. Carr, Clarence Batts, Charles McKoy, Melvin Johnson, William D. Fennell and Henry Chasten.

The Trustees are: Brothers W. L. Pierce, Claude Newkirk, Mrs. Levy Williams, Brothers Ephrain Boney, and Richard Pollock.

The following ministers have served this church as pastors: Reverend Davis, Reverend O. W. Moore, Reverend W. M. Moore, Reverend Barnes, Reverend C. T. Underwood, Reverend K. T. Houston, Reverend M. C. Dodona from South Africa, Reverend S. H. Newkirk, Reverend A. J. Boney, Reverend J. W. Williams and our present pastor, Reverend J. M. Grimes.

Reverend Grimes has pastored 23 churches in various Associations. At present he is pastoring First Baptist Church of Rose Hill, The Greater Six Runs Baptist Church of Turkey and Hills' Chapel Baptist Church of Faison.

Our plans are to complete the educational building, install air conditioning and put down rugs. We are hoping that our progress will inspire coming generations to make necessary improvements to the Church but never forgetting the purpose for which the Church was organized. Always remembering that where we are gathered together in His name — He'll be with us.

Our Church history would be incomplete without mentioning the late deacons: Eddie Brown, Mack Fennell, Ben Carr, Eddie Carr, Dave Mathis, Graham Carr, and Charlie Kornegay. These were men of integrity; men who loved "thy church of God."

The First Baptist Church

STEADMAN, NORTH CAROLINA

Reverend R. P. Farrior — The First Baptist Church, Steadman, N. C.

The First Baptist Church was founded in 1917 by the late Mrs. Cattie Haynes, Mrs. Emmaline Forte, and Mrs. Sarah Owens. The late Reverend W. W. McGuire was the first pastor and set a solid foundation for others to follow. The following were pastors: Reverend D. Cowins, Reverend Edward Womack, Reverend Wayman Melvin, Reverend Lonnie Raeford and followed by his son, Dr. J. D. Raeford. Our present pastor, Reverend R. P. Farrior is our longest serving one and our present edifice was built under his leadership.

DEACONS

Roy Gainey — Eugene Owens

Horace Malloy — Calvin Graham

James McLaurin — Willie McLaurin

REVEREND R. P. FARRIOR, Pastor

REVEREND PRENTIS FORTE, Assistant Pastor

MRS. ETHEL MALLOY, Secretary

Congratulations to the Middle District Association on its 100th Centennial Celebration and you have our prayers.

The First Baptist Church of Teachey

The Church Family

Daughters of Zion

The First Baptist Church of Teachey was known as Alderman's Chapel for many years. It was organized by the late Reverend W. H. Alderman, G. P. Alderman, Mrs. Harriette Alderman Brown, and other members of the family.

The New Church, Alderman's Chapel, was an outgrowth of the mother church, Newkirk's Chapel. The decision to organize a new church was as much for convenience as dissatisfaction in 1904.

God has wonderfully blessed this church. We are enjoying our third structure. After the passing of Reverend W. H. Aderman, Abe Dixmon, C. A. Murray, K. T. Houstin, C. T. Underwood, J. D. McCrae, all of whom served for a short period well.

Our pastor, Reverend R. L. Carr, became pastor of this church 36 years ago and under his divine guidance, we have completed this structure, drawn and designed by him, also we have purchased and paid for all equipment. Reverend Carr is a man of high moral standards, love and understanding, a good preacher and a loving pastor.

The auxiliaries of our church are as branches from a strong oak tree, offering shelter, food for the soul and beauty to all who pass it by for spiritual growth. The Sunday School has been the core. Brother James Carlton served as superintendent for over 40 years. Our present Superintendent, Brother Ben Alderman, is following in his footsteps.

The deacon board, Brother R. T. Alderman, Chairman, Emit Boykins, Robt. Keith, Adolph Fonville, R. W. Carlton, Liston Boykins serve also as our Trustee Board along with Willie Hayes and C. W. Dobbins as advisors.

The Daughters of Zion, President Sister Myrtle Coston, H. R. Dobbins, Emma Boykins, Marion Fonville, Sylvia Highsmith, Ida Teachey, Joe Murray, Gracie Merritt, Pearl Mathis, Margaret Kenan, Lydia Boykins, Patsy Wells, Annie M. Alderman, Leaner Murray, Mary B. Carlton, Lillie Boney, Louise Alderman. The choir with Sister H. R. Dobbins, Usher Board, Pearl Mathis, Missionary Circle, Sister Marion Fonville.

In 1969 the need for an added service became apparent. Our pastor being already engaged, Reverend Frank Murphy was selected, being a dynamic speaker, a lovable person and a Christian young minister, served us well for two years.

Our church has always been concerned with Christian Training for its youth. Our second Sunday services were a direct out growth of this concern. The church also feels that such youth activities as 4-H Clubs and Boy Scouts are worthwhile and should be included in the church's Christian Education Program. We have an active 4-H Club. Leaders, H. R. Dobbins, Patsy Wells, Melvina Farrior. Boy Scouts, Leaders are Johnnie Farror, Scout Master C. W. Dobbins, Nathan Bryant, George Larkins, Aron Wells, W. J. Bryant. These adults give their time, energy, and love freely to help develop the whole youth. Our future church is the youth of today.

Hawes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

The Hawes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church had its beginning in the year of 1891 on Hawes Hill under the guidance of the Reverend Andrew Carr. This first church, was nothing more than a bush shelter, located on a hill donated for that purpose by Mr. Eddie Hawes, a prominent white citizen, with promise that the church would bear his name. Until this day the church has retained the title of Hawes Chapel in honor of Mr. Hawes.

This bush shelter remained for a number of years under the leadership of its founder, Reverend Andrew Carr. Its chartered officers were Brother Peter Moore and Brother Vike Bannerman. Reverend Carr was succeeded by Reverend Timothy Newkirk who with the same chartered officers, constructed the first frame structure. Much progress was made during the fourteen years of Reverend Timothy Newkirk. The next fourteen years was under the pastorship of Reverend Roch Robinson.

People would travel for miles in buggies and carts. Brother Hayward Bobby, Calvin Corbett, and Brother Gray Mott were ordained as deacons in his time. More years of progress followed. Reverend A. J. Boney was called to pastor in the year of 1919 serving the people for 21 years. It was under his administration that the present site on which the church now stands was purchased from Mr. John Ashford. A new church was built in 1923. The cornerstone of our church was laid in honor of Reverend Boney. These are the deacons he ordained: Brother Jerimah Marshburn, John Holmes, B. J. Mott, J. T. Colvin and Brother J. M. Fuller.

In 1940 Reverend Joe Williams was called to pastor. The church under went many improvements under Reverend Williams' administration. The Reverend P. M. Lee was called to pastor the church. During such time the church had continued to progress. He ordained as deacons Brothers Jesse Newkirk, Quincy Johnson, R. K. Moore and Brother McKinley Fennell.

We are now under the leadership of Reverend V. S. Singletary since May of 1963. The church is continuing to progress and is still going on by the help of the Lord. He has ordained Brothers Isaac Fuller, Alfred Mott, and Brother Charlie Johnson as deacons. Deacon J. T. Colvin is the presiding superintendent of the Hawes Chapel Sunday School.

Pastor and Deacons

Members of Hawes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

ROSE HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

On the outskirts of the above named town, shortly after the Reformation, a group of Baptized Believers in Jesus Christ united in one body. They decided to follow the footsteps of Jesus, and their first services of worship were conducted under a brush shelter on the plot of ground which is now the church's cemetery site. Later, a log building was erected and named Peterson's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church.

It was during this time the first Deacons were chosen also the first pastor was called: namely, Reverend William Cowan. The church grew and thrived bountifully and before the end of the 1800's a change was made. The change was accepted willingly and a parcel of land was purchased. A new church was built, which was then named Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church and which now remains the same. It is believed that Reverend Ransom Royal was the first Pastor. The remaining genealogy of pastors are as follows: Reverend Ed Bell, John Fennell, Ander Carr, Hayes Peterson (2 terms), McKnight (2 terms), Jasper Hill, Walker, S. W. Williams, Bilipher, Underwood, Goodman, H. C. Dixon, J. W. Williams and R. P. Farrior, present pastor. The church takes pride in noting the fact that ten, more or less ministers have emerged from between its consecrated walls. Those now living are Reverend W. H. Peterson, Reverend L. B. Boykins and Reverend C. E. Johnson.

First Deacons — Primus Herring, Bob Peterson, Winslow Peterson, Charlie Smith, E. E. Highsmith, Abram Williams, J. D. Cowan, L. H. Matthews and Willie Smith.

First Sunday School — Newberry Robinson, Abram Williams and L. M. Peterson.

First Trustees — D. A. Peterson, Jarvis Peterson, and J. O. Peterson (living).

First B. T. U. — Nancy Peterson, and Nancy Highsmith.

First Usher Board — Nancy Peterson, Nancy Highsmith.

First Mission Circle — Polly Peterson, Mary Boykins, Annie Smith and Mary Peterson (living).

First Daughters of Zion — Charity Gregory, Nan Cowan.

First Choir — Charity Gregory and Nan Cowan

Present Deacons — J. L. Wright, D. B. Highsmith, Leroy Matthews, and Roscoe Matthews.

Present Sunday School — Edward Peterson

Present Trustees — Walter Matthews, Leroy Matthews, Quincy Cooper, John L. Boykins.

Present B. T. U. — Annie Matthews and Geneva Carr.

Present Usher Board — Joseph Henry

Present Mission Circle — Jessie Monroe

Present Daughters of Zion — Lillian Matthews and Lurena Highsmith

Present Choir — Lillian Matthews and Jerusha Robinson

Due to the spiritual guidance of our pastor, Reverend R. P. Farrior, the above named present auxiliaries have been credited to the progress and growth of the church.

Hayes Chapel Missionary Baptist Church extends congratulations to the Association and is pleased to have contributed to its organization and success.

Pastor, REVEREND R. P. FARRIOR
Secretary, JESSIE H. MOORE

GREETINGS FROM

Hooper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church

LELAND, NORTH CAROLINA

Hooper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church was established in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred twenty-one, under the management of Moderator Jenkins, Deacon J. D. Hooper, Albert Treadwell, and Ed Jenkins; under the leadership of Reverend Cleveland Manual for which he served four years.

Reverend Durant started pastoring at Hooper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church in the year 1925 and served two years along with Deacons J. D. Hooper, Albert Treadwell, and Ed Jenkins.

In the year nineteen hundred twenty-seven, Reverend Willie Yeoman started pastoring and pastored for seven years with the help of Deacons J. D. Hooper, Albert Treadwell, and Ed Jenkins.

Reverend F. R. Devane served for sixteen years with the help of Deacons Calvin Everette, Joshua Hooper, and A. J. Williams.

Reverend George Washington White pastored for four years with the help of Deacons Everette, Hooper, and Williams; after which the Reverend John Thomas Simpson became pastor. Reverend Simpson has been Pastor for the last seventeen years. His Deacons are A. J. Williams, Calvin Everette, and Willie D. Davis, Sr. So the Hooper's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church has been in circulation for approximately fifty years.

The committee on historical findings is as follows:

1. Mrs. Helen Davis
2. Mrs. Mildred Jacobs
3. Mr. Lonnie Ellis
4. Mr. Calvin Everette

The information contained in this report was taken from the church's records and from older members of the church.

Keathern Baptist Church – Harrells, North Carolina

Keathern Baptist Church

Keathern Baptist Church, located one mile west of Harrells was organized in 1756. It is one of The Middle District Association's oldest churches. It grew out from Wells Chapel Church which was organized in Colonial times before the United States was formed. In the year 1756, a church was organized called "Bull Tail Meeting House." This being twenty one years before the United States won its freedom and became a nation, this was for a long time the only church in this area.

In 1859 a conference was held with the colored people who had expressed a desire for a place of their own instead of worshipping with whites as required to do as slaves. A new church building was completed for Wells Chapel and the old building was given to the Negroes whose membership was granted for dismission and moved to Harrells in 1868. This church is now known as Keathern Chapel Baptist Church.

The first known pastor was Reverend Dickerson Keaton with a membership of fifty-eight. In the years that followed a larger church was built under the direction of Reverend William H. Moore. On Easter Sunday, 1917, a forest fire destroyed this church, while rebuilding we worshipped in Fennell's Chapel Methodist Church.

Other ministers serving were Reverend Ransom Royals, Reverend B. J. Brown, Reverend A. L. Sumner, Reverend C. T. Underwood, Reverend D. L. Williamson, Reverends J. D. Ballard, C. C. Crawford, J. D. McRae, B. B. Bethea; J. L. Lovett; Fred Moore and Reverend A. G. Boone, our present pastor.

Deacons serving are Deacons Abraham Fennell, John Webb, Utley Fennell, Thomas Brewington, Richard Stringfield, Haywood Johnson, C. B. Lee, Kiby DeVane and Oscar Fennell. The present deacons serving are Deacons W. R. Fennell, J. O. Fennell, J. W. DeVane, James Fennell, J. T. Hollingsworth and Robert Howard.

Church clerks serving are Frank Fennell, C. C. Devane and Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth.

Board of Trustees serving are Tony Fennell, Sidney Grey, William Fennell, J. W. DeVane, Percy Fennell, W. R. Fennell, Leron Page, Tom Pridgeon, Gus Pollard, and Leondras Williams.

Secretary, Mrs. Mae G. Fields.

Treasurer, Mrs. Gatsy Fennell.

We congratulate you on your celebration of the Middle District Baptist Centennial and wish you many years of growth and progress. May God ever bless you.

Lakes Chapel Baptist Church, Atkinson, N. C.

Boosters of Lakes Chapel Baptist Church

Lakes Chapel

During the days of emancipation this community saw the need of a church. For this cause Lakes Chapel was organized and has served as a beacon light with a membership of 600 or more.

The pastors who served this church were: Reverend Ransom Royals, Reverend Andrew Carr, Reverend W. H. Moore, Reverend J. L. Fennell, Reverend Tim Newkirk, Reverend Hayes Peterson, Reverend E. L. Matthews, Reverend L. B. Boykins and present pastor, Reverend R. P. Farrior.

Deacons of Lakes Chapel Baptist Church — Deacons Daniel Murphy, James Ennis, Jim Jacobs, William Holmes, G. W. Herring, P. H. Hayes, Owen Hayes, J. H. Newkirk, Willie E. Herring, A. C. Herring, J. L. Herring. Present Deacons are Deacons Raymond Coston, James Herring, J. W. Herring, Charles Coston, J. C. Williams, Linwood McAllister and J. O. Newton.

Clerks of Lakes Chapel Baptist Church — Brothers J. R. Newkirk, Joe Newkirk, Willie E. Herring, Jim C. Colvin, Joe Herring, Thomas E. Murphy, (present Clerk) Ezra Murphy and Financial Secretary, Joe Henry.

Superintendents of Lakes Chapel Baptist Church—Louis Gurganious, George Herring, J. H. Newkirk, T. E. Murphy, Linwood McAllister and (present superintendent) J. C. Williams.

Usher Board Presidents — P. H. Hayes, L. D. Newkirk, and (present president) Katie Eakins.

Trustee Board — George Herring, Robert Newkirk, Willis Milton, J. W. Herring, Lure Nunn, Linwood McAllister, (present board) J. O. Newton, L. D. Newkirk, J. D. Hayes, T. E. Murphy and Raymond Coston.

Daughters of Zion Presidents — Sisters Lizzie Newkirk, Rebecca Murphy, and (present president) Margaret A. Mills.

Mission Circle Presidents — Sisters Margaret A. Mills, Fannie Newkirk and (present president) Myrtle Hayes.

We offer heartiest congratulations to the Association upon its One Hundredth Anniversary of service to God and humanity and we are proud to be a part of the celebration.

Lee's Chapel

Maple Hill, North Carolina

Reverend G. P. House

Large pines grow from small pine cones. Thus has been the story of Lee's Chapel Baptist Church of Maple Hill, North Carolina. The church started out as a sprout from the Saint John No. 1 Church located on Highway 50 in Maple Hill. The land was granted from Morgan Lee, Sr. As the church grew older, more members joined. The pastor at that time was Reverend Henry Lee. The deacons were Anthony Lee, Anthony Watkins, Thomas Lee, and Isaac Marshburn.

The progress and growth of the church was made possible through the dedicated and unselfish services of the officers and lay members. Mrs. Marian James served in the capacity of custodian for the church for many years without pay or praise. She felt it her duty to see that the Lord's House was cleaned. Mrs. Frances Marshburn felt she would be rendering services to the Lord's program by making her home a place of supping and relaxation for the ministers.

Ministers:

Ministers of the church were: Reverends Reeves, Hall, McKnight, B. Dixon, A. Dixon, Green, Dancey, Livingston, Thompson, Grimes, Wells, and Reverend G. P. House.

Trustees and Deacons:

Trustees and Deacons included Messrs. Morgan Lee, Jr., Wright Lanier, Robert Hayes, Thomas Lee, Roosevelt Lee, Bryant Shepard, Randolph James, Leroy Hayes and Anthony Watkins, Jr.

Financial Secretary and Church Clerks:

Golia J. Jordan, is financial secretary. Church clerks include Julia Marshburn, Ellen Lanier, Sallie M. Shepard and Rebecca Lee.

Sunday School Superintendents:

Morgan Lee, Jr., G. S. James, Garfield Marshburn, Boyice Williams, and Joseph Lee.

Mission and Daughters of Zion:

P. Clora Marshburn, Rebecca Lee, Cobia Shepard, Leatte Watkins, Roxann Lee, and Annie Hayes are missions. Amye Lee James and Joy Shepard are President and Vice President of Daughters of Zion.

Senior Choir:

President — Katie M. James, Vice President — Mamie Watkins.

Junior Choir:

President — Frances L. Shepard

Ushers:

President — Reverend Thomas Shepard, President — Isaac Lee, Vice President, Frank James

B. T. U.

President — Cora Marshburn and Evelyn Lee, Vice President, Annie Hayes.

Sons of Lee's Chapel Who Were Called to Ministry:

Dr. Jessie D. Marshburn, Reverend Thomas Shepard, and Reverend Furney Marshburn.

Licentiate:

Dave Watkins

Lewis Chapel Baptist Church. Fayetteville. N. C. – Brief History

Deacon Sevy Lewis

FOUNDERS OF LEWIS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

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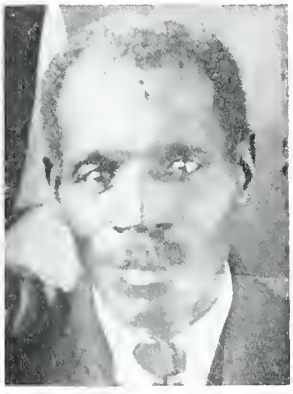


Deacon Henry McAlister

Audience of Lewis Chapel Baptist Church

Lewis Chapel Baptist Church, Fayetteville, North Carolina, was founded in 1911 by three Christian young men, who saw the need of a religious center in Seventy-first Township. Brother Henry McAlister, Brother Jack Newkirk and Brother Sevy Lewis whom the church was named in honor of, began with a very small Sunday School group, meeting in a one room school house. This small beginning grew rapidly. Soon they saw it necessary to organize a church. This was done with the Reverend William W. McGuire, pastor; Brother McAllister and Brother Lewis first Deacons of the church.

In 1918, a church was built. This church was destroyed by fire. In 1932 the present church was built. Several pastors of the Association has served. Reverend Wm. Rome, Reverend W. H. Boykin and Reverend Joe W. Williams.

The Reverend R. L. Carr, present pastor, has seved faithfully for the past thirty years.

Macedonia Baptist Church

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA REVEREND W. H. D. FLOWERS, Pastor

Macedonia Baptist Church was organized 1894 with Reverend J. Williams as Pastor.

1920 — The Church was built under Reverend J. W. Bell who served for more than thirty-two years.

1955 — The Present Pastor, Reverend W. H. D. Flowers began his pastorate at the Church.

1965 — The Church was reconstructed under Reverend Flowers' Administration.

1966 — The Cornerstone Laying and Dedication of the Church was held.

1970 — A Service of Consecration and Dedication of Gifts was held.

Ministers who served the Church from its organization — Reverend Isaac Nixon, Reverend Copeland, Reverend Timon Hall, Reverend Morrison, Reverend W. E. Beamon, Reverend J. McKnight, Reverend Walker, Reverend J. W. Bell, and Reverend J. P. House.

ORGANIZED AUXILIARIES AND GROUPS OF THE CHURCH

Daughters of Zion, Church Sunday School, Senior Missionary Circle, Junior Missionary Department, Ushers Board, Junior and Senior Choirs, Baptist Training Union, Pastor's Aid Group, Morning Star Group, and Willing Workers Group.

DEACONS

Owen Hall, Frank Moore, Matthew Patten, Ivory Vereen, Willie Jones, Clarence McKee, and Charlie Brinson.

TRUSTEES

Aaron A. McCrae, Percy Glaspie, Thomas Jones, Raphael Dawson, and Joe Robinson.

Moore's Creek Baptist Church — Currie

MOORE'S CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH, Currie, N. C., located on U. S. Highway No. 210 near the Historic Moore's Creek Battle ground and National Military Park was organized in 1868 by the late Reverend Dick Keaton under the name of Cummings Chapel Baptist Church. Because a Mr. Cummings agreed to give this plot of land providing the church was named in his honor, upon which a log cabin was built and was the first church house. Some time later its name was changed to the present stated above.

As time and circumstances progressed with the help of God and support of its faithful members, a frame building of crude lumber was erected just adjacent to the log cabin. Many considerable improvements and additions were made to this building. Finally the growth and progress of the membership inspired the desired necessity to the building of the present modern brick structure, with air conditioning and other modern facilities. For this, a new land site was purchaed adjoining and a number of feet to the front of old site on which ground breaking ceremony was held on June 2nd 1968 with the first shovel of earth being moved by Brother Jacob Simpson one of the oldest men of our church, age 90 years old. And on January 25th, 1970 at 11:00 A.M. dedication of this building to God began with the congregational march, first dedication prayer by Reverend C. J. Herring at the entance, being opened by the ribbon cutting by Mrs. Doris Keel and Mrs. Sophia G. Henry. First sermon pastor, Reverend John Keel, Dedication Sermon, Reverend H. C. Dixon. The Alfred T. Mitchell Company of Wilmington, North Carolina, Contractor.

Its History — First Pastors: Reverend Dick Keaton. Succeeding pastors: Reverends Henry Carr, Bill Devane, John Fennell, Andrew Carr, Solomon Devane, Ransom Royals, B. J. Brown, Elijah Tate, Hayes Peterson, S. C. Copeland, Sylvester White, W. H. Walker, J. L. Livingston, A. H. Murphy, S. J. Moss. Present Pastor, Reverend John Keel.

First Board of Deacons — Robert Simpson, Sr., Cubert Berry, Henry Moore, Sr., Louis Simpson, Abram Henry, Sr., Robert Simpson, Jr., Paul Henry, Sr., Addie Marshal, Elijah Moore, J. L. Simpson, E. W. Berry, Horace Hansley, and Robert Hansley. Present Board of Deacons — Paul Henry, Jr., Addie Henry, J. V. Turner, and Edgar Rowell.

Former Church Clerks — W. H. Simpson, O. W. Hansley, John Simpson, R. H. Hall, Horace Hansley, Callie Murphy.

First Trustee Board — A. D. Henry, Chairman; Moses Simpson, Secretary; Ben Spencer, Sr., Treasurer. Present Treasurer, J. Leon Simpson.

Building Committee — Willie Merrit, Robert Hansley. Present Sunday School Superintendent, Hazel Simpson. Founders and former presidents of Daughers of Zion: Dyscie Simpson, Matilda Henry, Emma Moore, Laura Moore, Nancy Simpson, D. Moore, C. C. Henry, M. McPherson, Q. V. Simpson, Mary Berry, Caroline Henry, Lizzie Marshall, Laura Henry, Betsey H. McPherson. Present President, Addie Simpson.

Ministers ordained from this church — Reverends Ed Bell, J. Bell, J. W. Bell, G. Washington, W. H. Moore, D.D., J. Henry, R. Henry, G. Henry, J. Hansley, Q. Hansley, J. T. Simpson, E. M. Henry, and Richard Murray.

We are proud to be a member church of the Association and thankful to experience the celebration of a century of hard work of kingdom building in unity.

REVEREND JOHN KEEL, Pastor
MRS. HAZEL SIMPSON, Clerk

Mount Calvary No. 2 Missionary Baptist Church

8th and Harnett Streets

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA 28401

REVEREND F. R. DEVANE, Pastor

ATKINSON, NORTH CAROLINA

Organized 1900 as Zion Baptist Church, Reverend K. S. Davis, Pastor
Rebuilt October 13, 1956 as Mount Calvary Baptist Church, Reverend F. R. Devane, Pastor

For years this church has stood as a monument pointing men and women, boys and girls to Heavenly way. When world ideals are crumbling this church has ever held high the banners of Christ who said "Upon this rock I build my church and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."

This church has had as pastors, such God-like, devoted preachers as Pastor DeVane who was called here in the year of our Lord, 1947. He took over officially. He began organizing the church, utilizing every factor thereof.

When Pastor DeVane accepted this church, we were worshipping in a wooden structure. But as the man who had the know how and a mind to work said it can be done and this church then was rebuilt in the Name of our Lord, 1956, October 13, and now stands. May it stand in years to come as it has stood these years . . . as a living monument of a Saviour who died that all men might live.

Sunday School	9:45 A.M.
Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
B. T. U.	6:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting Each Wednesday	7:30 P.M.

Pastor, REVEREND F. R. DeVANE
Chairman, Deacons, MR. STEVEN NIX
Church Clerk, MR. WM. BRUNSON

Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church

REVEREND J. T. ROBINSON, Pastor

LOCATED ON CAROLINA BEACH ROAD

The Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church was founded by the late John Mitchell in the year of 1876.

This church was built on a track of land known as "The Neck" and in a few years moved to its present location.

The first pastor was Reverend George Roe. Some of the Charter member were Brother Charlie James, Samuel Huffie, Hatch Faison, and Joe Herring, Sisters Alice Hansley, Lannie Mitchell and Sarah Mitchell.

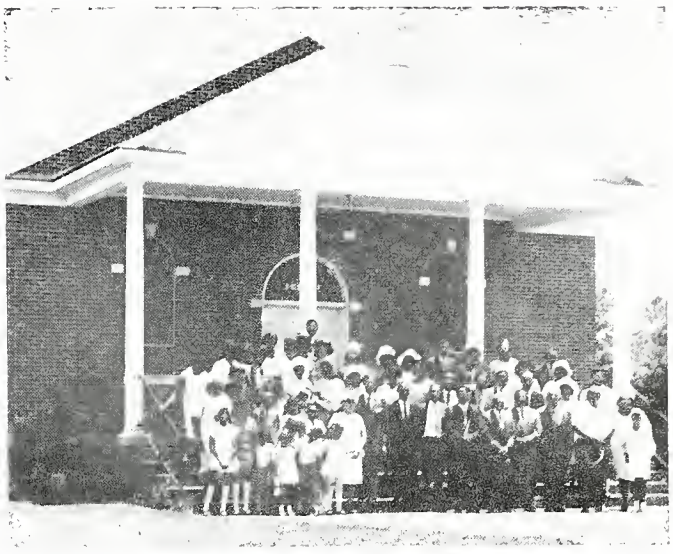
Over the years Mount Pilgrim has made great progress in both a spiritual and material sense, and continues to grow under the leadership of the present pastor, Reverend J. T. Robinson.

The Deacon Board consists of Brothers Alfonza Freeman and William Freeman. The Trustee Board members are Brothers William Freeman, Chairman; Thomas Robinson, Benjamin Ross, James Ross, Doland Trottie, Joseph Farrow, and James Blackman.

The auxiliaries functioning are the Sunday School, The Senior and Junior Choirs, The Senior and Junior Usher Boards, and the Missionary Circle.

The Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church



Sunday Morning Congregation

The Mount Pisgah Baptist Church was organized eighty-five years ago, more or less, with the Reverend W. H. Moore, and others serving as pastors. The early deacons were Charles Moore, Calvin Murphy, Wiley Peterson, J. W. Murphy, W. H. Walker, J. W. Wheeler, Robert Henry, and C. S. Smith. J. D. Boney was clerk of the church. Reverend L. T. Bond came as pastor and under his administration the first brick church was erected in 1910. Then Reverend J. T. Copeland and Reverend J. D. McRae was elected who served well. The membership increased rapidly. The clerk of the church was Mrs. Hattie Crooms who served well. The deacons that were serving with these pastors were Bennie Tate, Herbert Faison, H. J. McMillan, Ralph Alderman, and J. T. Newkirk. J. L. Hickson was chairman of Trustees. Reverend H. C. Dixon succeeded Reverend McRae. He served well and efficiently. Reverend W. E. Beamon was elected as pastor. It was under his pastorate that the present church building was begun. He did an excellent job with all concerned. Mr. C. C. Smith was added to the deacon board. Reverend A. R. Smith was elected as pastor and helped to carry on the work efficiently. Mrs. Lillie M. Griffis was clerk of the church. J. Z. Newkirk and Moses Porter were added to the Deacon Board. Then Reverend H. L. Moore was elected who is our present pastor. He is very interested in completing the church.

It is with the support of a good Sunday School, Ladies Auxiliary, B. T. U., Ushers Board, Mission Circle, Pastor's Aid, Deaconess Board, Gospel Choir, Junior and Senior Choirs, and Buds of Promise that have made Mount Pisgah one of the outstanding churches of the Midde District Association.

The church is centrally heated, air conditioned, carpeted, new furniture and pews, Pastor's study, choir room and ladies lounge and other necessary facilities.

The Deacons are: J. Z. Newkirk, Chairman; H. J. McMillan, Carrol Midgett, Bennie Tate, Ralph Alderman, Herbert Faison, C. C. Smith, and Moses Porter.

The Trustees are: L. T. Bellamy, Chairman: Malachi Jordan, Walter White, W. B. Shaw, Walter T. Murphy (deceased), Thomas Lamb, and H. J. McMillan.

REVEREND H. L. MOORE, Pastor

Mt. Rena Baptist Church

Mount Rena, a small spiritual church, nestled in a cluster of stately pines is located in Rocky Point, one quarter of a mile across N. C.'s famed Cape Fear River on highway 210.

Mount Rena's present day members cannot remember when it was founded, but the earliest pastor that is remembered was the Reverend Jasper Hill. Its survival through the years has been the result of dedicated Christians worshipping God. Some of its most noted pastors were the Reverend Charles Murray of Willard, Reverend W. Fennell of Long Creek and Reverend G. P. House of Wilmington.

Mount Rena has grown and has continued to grow under the guidance and leadership of its present pastor, Reverend E. H. Stevenson of Reigelwood, North Carolina. This man of God, is a minister, a teacher, a leader, a humanitarian, a builder, and a true dedicated man of the cause. Mount Rena is truly blessed to have Reverend E. H. Stevenson as its pastor.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR 100 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE!

Mt. Sinai Baptist Church — Wallace, North Carolina

The Church was organized in 1933, The late Reverend D. C. Fennell was the first pastor. The deacon board was composed of the late Roy McGee and Miles Bryant, the second pastor was the late Reverend L. A. Davis; deacon board was Brother H. E. Peterson, following was the late Reverend E. L. Matthews in 1944. Deacon, Brother H. E. Peterson, with the late Reverend E. L. Matthews resigning, the church was left without a pastor and the late Sister Winnie McGee invited Reverend R. P. Farrior to come to us and he came and after some praying and meditation we elected him as pastor in 1945. Board of deacons were the late Henry McAuthor, H. E. Peterson, James Graham and the late Roy McGee. In 1954 the Reverend G. P. House served as pastor for a short time followed by the Reverend S. M. White accompanied by the above named deacons. In 1955, Reverend J. T. Simpson was elected as pastor. Board of deacons, Brothers James Graham, Lawyer Lanier, Wilbur McGee and Russell Williams.

The Mission was organized in 1936 by the late Mrs. Isadora McMillian as president. The trustee board was composed of Mrs. Nellie McCullough, the late Roy McGee and Moses Simmon and Brother Hardy Graham. This was organized in 1945. The Sunday School was organized in 1933 by the late Luther McCullough and A. S. Lawrence and named "Evergreen."

The B. T. U. was organized in 1965 by Sister Maggie L. Williams, Brother John Boney, president. The church began with 10 members and now have a membership of 180. The present board of deacons, Brothers James Graham and Lawyer Lanier. Present trustee board, Mrs. Nellie M. Dobson, Edward Phillips, John Boney, James Graham, Lawyer Lanier. The church has provided a place for Christian Expression of Christian Religion in action. The church began in a humble estate provided by friends. We built a new church under the leadership of the late Reverend D. C. Fennell in 1934, also a second church was built under the supervision of the Reverend R. P. Farrior, now we have ventured out in 1971 to build a Block Church under the leadership of our Pastor, Reverend J. T. Simpson.

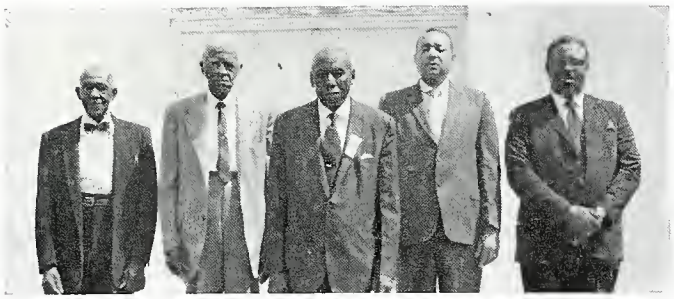
We are glad to be a part of the Middle District Association and for what it stands, we humbly need and ask your prayers that we may continue to let our light shine.

Reverend J. T. Simpson, Pastor

Mrs. Maggie L. Williams, Sec'y

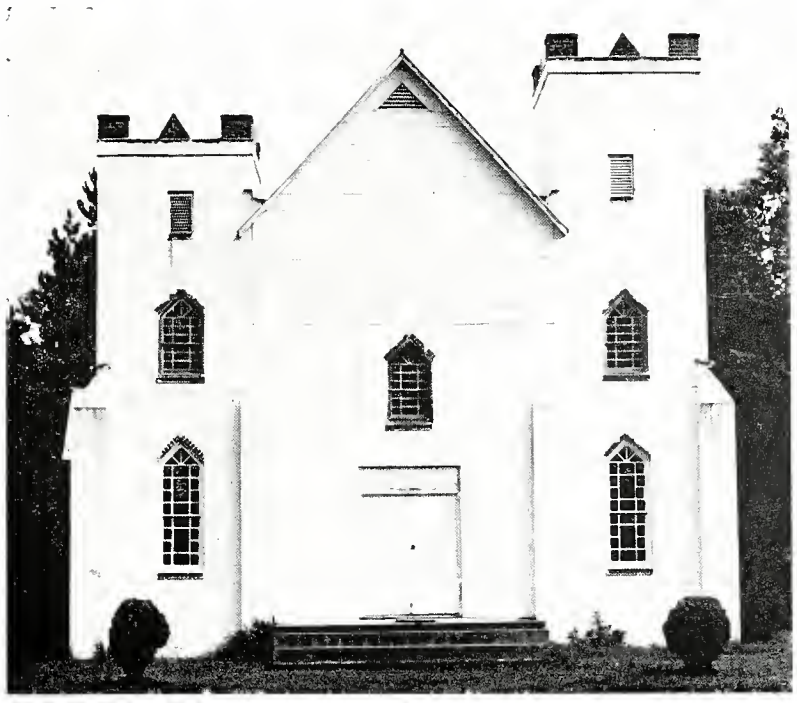
Mount Zion Baptist Church

RIEGELWOOD, NORTH CAROLINA



Pastor and Officers, Mount Zion Baptist Church

Members of Mount Zion Baptist Church



Mount Zion Baptist Church

Mount Zion Baptist Church was organized about 1881. The first location was in the Sandyfield Community. Some of the former pastors were the late Reverends William Devane, Andrew Carr, Solomon Devane, R. R. Royals, N. Newkirk, J. M. McKnight, and C. R. Murray. Some of the former deacons were the late Deacons Tom Bibbs, Archie Williams, Jim Williams, Charles Brown, George Dixon, Perk Devane, C. C. Saulter, Frank Andrews, Ben Jones, William Lloyd, L. M. McCrea, Peter Saulter, G. W. Henry, James Wilson, and J. D. Brown.

Presently, Reverend R. L. Carr is the pastor and he is assisted by Deacons J. H. King, J. H. Burney, and Rudolph Brown.

We congratulate you on your One Hundred Years of service in this celebration.

Program of the One Hundredth Annual Session

of the

MIDDLE DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

to be held with

THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

REVEREND O'KELLY LAWSON, Pastor

Thursday and Friday Before the Second Sunday

OCTOBER 7-8, 1971

Motto: "FOREIGN MISSION AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION"

Theme: "AND THE END IS NOT YET"

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1971

10:00 A.M. Devotion ..... Reverends F. R. DeVane and H. R. Cogdell
Praise Service ..... Reverend J. L. Herring
Theme Message ..... Reverend J. H. Carraway
Moderator's Brief ..... Reverend B. L. Rich
Roll Call of Churches
Appointment of Committees
Music ..... Association's Choir

12:00 Noon Introductory Sermon ..... Reverend V. S. Singletary
Alternate ..... Reverend W. H. D. Flowers
Offering — Benediction — Dinner

2:00 P.M. Layman League in Charge (See Program)

3:30 P.M. Theme Message — "God Is Still With Us" Rev. A. G. Boone
Presentation of State Workers
Greetings From Baptist State Convention
Moderator's Annual Message
Benediction

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 7, 1971

7:30 P.M. Devotion ..... Reverends A. H. Murphy and J. T. Robinson
Welcome Program ..... From Ebenezer, The Host Church
Response ..... Brother R. W. Carlton
Music ..... The Choir
Doctrinal Sermon ..... Reverend J. T. Simpson
Alternate ..... Reverend S. M. White
Offering
Benediction

FRIDAY, AUGUST 8, 1971

9:30 A.M. Devotion, Reverends Richard Stringfield and R. H. Williams
Inspirational Sermon ..... Reverend E. W. Wooten
Alternate ..... Reverend W. K. Raynor
Reading of Previous Day Session
Reports — Committees, Delegates
Election of Officers

12:00 Noon Missionary Sermon ..... Dr. W. C. Somerville
Alternate ..... Reverend R. L. Carr
Offering
Memorial Service ..... Reverend W. E. Beamon
Benediction

Theme: "ONE LORD, ONE FAITH FOR ONE HUNDRED YEARS"

2:30-2:45 Worship — "Thus Far We Have Come" — Dr. J. Ray Butler
Chairman of Board of Baptist State Convention

PANORAMA ..... Reverend H. C. Dixon, Chairman
The Daughters of Zion, The Sunday School Convention, The Layman's League, The Ministers' and Deacons' Union, B. T. U., Ushers Convention, and Missionaries
Music — "Onward Christian Soldiers"
Centennial March
Expressions from Visiting Moderators
Special Music ..... 20 Minutes
Youth Speak
Reverend Rudolph Tripp
Mrs. Carrie M. Newkirk
Recognition and Expression of Special Guests
Introduction ..... Dr. O. L. Sherrill
Message ..... Dr. C. R. Edwards
President of State Convention
Response ..... Reverend B. L. Rich, Moderator
Offering
Benediction

A Condensed History Of The New Birth Baptist Church

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The mission had its origin at 401 New York Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. The original membership was fifteen. The mission was organized as the New Birth Baptist Church on March 7, 1964.

In 1964, the church was recognized into the sisterhood of the Mount Bethel Association, and was registered with the Recorder of Deeds in the District of Columbia.

Church Units — Deacons, Trustees, Deaconesses, Ushers, Sunday School, Missionary and Pastor's Aid Circles, Senior Choir and Gospel Chorus.

In February, 1965 New Birth Baptist Church moved to its present location at 1200 Kirby Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

The present membership is approximately two hundred.

Congratulations to you on the celebration of your Centennial

Reverend George F. Henry, Founder and Pastor

Sara Christine Lofton, Church Clerk

New Christian Chapel Church

New Christian Chapel Church, Rose Hill, North Carolina moved to its present location because of convenience under the auspices of Reverend C. R. Murray of Willard, North Carolina in 1943. At this time, the Board of Deacons consisted of Brothers W. H. Kenion, T. T. Dixon, John E. Matthews, and R. S. Brown. Our superintendent was W. H. Kenion who worked faithfully with the young people.

The succeeding pastor was Dr. L. C. Riddick of Ahoskie, North Carolina. He introduced Christian Education and organized our first Pastor's Aid Club. Reverend C. C. Sharpe of Tarboro, North Carolina was known as a dynamic preacher and singer. Dr. J. Ray Butler of Roseboro, North Carolina reorganized our envelope system, organized the Junior Choir and Junior Day. He began worship service bi-monthly. Our present Pastor, Reverend W. E. Beamon of Kinston, North Carolina, is working diligently with God's help in moving the church spiritually as well as physically.

Our present Board of Deacons consists of Brothers W. H. Kenion, T. T. Dixon, Alex Brown, D. H. Kenion and Burnis Hargrove. The Trustee Board consists of Brothers Garlie Chasten, Robert Cooper, Iree Jarman, Nathan Murray, Adrian Graham, and Jim Carr. Auxiliaries of the Church: Daughters of Zion, President Georgia Farrior; B. T. U. President, Jonathan Dobson; Mission Circle, President Prettie L. Boney; Pastor's Aid Club President, Pearl Batts.

Ministers ordained by the church are Reverend R. L. Carr and Reverend R. P. Farrior.

The first church was a frame building, but due to the growing congregation, our church has grown steadily over the years. Now a new building is in the process of being built to better serve its spiritual needs. New Christian Chapel stands as a beacon light for those who wish to worship with us.

Reverend W. E. Beamon, Pastor

Mrs. Lois B. Williams, Secretary

The Congregation Assembled for Ground Breaking Ceremony

Newkirk Chapel Baptist Church

It is believed that Newkirk Chapel was organized in the 1860's by Mingo Newkirk, Jim Newkirk, and Huffman Newkirk. The first site was located further up on this, the Black River Road.

Newkirk Chapel Baptist Church was in the organizing of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Associaton in 1871.

Because of convenience and dissatisfaction, a Faction moved and organized as Alderman Chapel, now First Baptist, Teachey from Newkirk Chapel, to Teachey.

The church has moved progressively under the leadership of the following pastors: Past to present — Reverends S. R. Rawls, Andrew Carr, C. W. Cowan, Wade Edmon, L. H. Powell, K. T. Houston, David D. Donald, G. R. Dudley, W. H. Walker, A. H. Dixon, J. M. Grimes, H. C. Dixon, Joseph Dunham, T. W. Murray, and Eugene C. Bing. Deacons serving — Tim Newton, Virgil Tate, Elijah Tate, Richard Pigford, Swift Newkirk, John Boney, Willie Herring, Jimmy Pigford, Johnnie Pigford, Joe Williams, Primus Wilson. Presently serving: Johnnie Pigford, A. J. Herring, Oscar Murray, Olcie Faison, Vander Washington, Clyde Pigford.

The Sunday School was organized by Mr. Sam Newton who also was first superintendent followed by Primus Wilson, A. J. Herring, J. A. Fennell, Vander Washington, Olcie Faison. Ministers sent out were — Reverends C. R. Murray, J. M. Williams, Elijah Tate, Dudley Wilson.

The Senior Missionary Circle was organized by Mrs. Sallie A. Miles Special Worker of the Woman's State Convention. First President, Mrs. Ellen F. Brinson, Mrs. Frances Murray, Special Worker; Miss Addie Pigford, Secretary; Second President, Mrs. Sallie Newkirk; Mrs. Mary Barden, Present President, Sister Lucille Cotton; Special Worker, Sister Bessie J. Wilson.

The Junior Missionary Circle of the church was organized around 1923 by the Senior Mission Women and Deacon Timothy Newton. Mrs. Caroline Fennell was first president; Ludia Wilson, second President; Mrs. Dorothy Newkirk, Present President; Mrs. Caroline Fennell, Supervisor.

REVEREND E. C. BRING, Pastor
MR. OSCAR MURRAY, Secretary

Members of Newkirk Chapel Baptist Church

History of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church

WRIGHTSVILLE SOUND, NORTH CAROLINA

The Church Family

Pilgrim Rest Missionary Baptist Church was organized October 27, 1908 by the late Reverend W. H. Moore of Wilmington, North Carolina.

The first deacons were as follows — Brothers George Ward, Joseph Kelly, and John James, all now deceased.

Brother James M. Franks was the first church clerk; Mrs. Lillie Burns was the first Sunday School Superintendent. Mrs. Mary L. Deburniere was the first organist.

The pastors who have served us well through the years were the following — Reverend George W. Rhodes, Reverend M. Williams served 3 years, Reverend H. L. Joyner of Leland served 4 years, Reverend Joseph Reaves of Leland served for 14 years and 3 months, Reverend M. S. White of Burgaw served a short while, Reverend C. C. Dixon served for 2 years, Reverend S. D. Manuel served about 4 years, Reverend E. J. Wells served for 14 years and 4 months and Reverend Thomas Neal served 8 years. Our present and 10th pastor, is now Reverend Ervin Pellom of Leland, North Carolina.

The present Deacon Board consists of the following men — Deacons Oliver Green, Chairman; Dewitt Williams, James Whitfield, Isiah Smith, Sidney Bannerman, and Samuel Jenwright, Secretary.

Clerk of the church is Miss Beulah Mitchell.

Pastor and Officers

Piney Grove Baptist Church

Reverend R. W. Lowe

Route 2

CLINTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Pastor, REVEREND R. W. LOWE, Warsaw, North Carolina

Deacons — Brothers Preston Bryant, Elliott Chavis, and Preston Williams

Clerk, Sister Beanie Bryant

Pianist, Mrs. Lelia Corbett

Regular services the Third Sunday in each month

Some of the former pastors were — Reverends A. H. Dixon, J. H. Everett, and Will Boykin.

These and many more. Reverend Dixon was pastor here for more than 20 years.

WE WISH FOR THE ASSOCIATION A SUCCESSFUL CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

POINT CASEWELL BAPTIST CHURCH

ATKINSON, NORTH CAROLINA

Point Caswell Baptist Church was organized by Reverend Tim Newkirk, year unknown. Its first pastors are as follows: Reverend Ransom Royal, Reverend S. Devane, Reverend McSwain, Reverend Murray, Reverend Boney, Reverend W. M. Boykins, Reverend Pickett, Reverend S. H. Newkirk, Reverend W. H. Walker, Reverend G. W. White, Reverend H. L. Moore, Reverend H. C. Dixon, Reverend S. D. Salters, and Reverend Keel present pastor.

Charter Deacons were Brothers Willie McDuffie, Israel Waters, N. Murphy, Alfred Kinion, Larry Faison, Eddie Newkirk. The present Deacons are Willie Stanley, Johnie Newkirk, Lewis Watkins, Jr., and Wilbur Henry.

The first of succeeding presidents of Daughters of Zion were Sister Lou Kinion, Sister Carrie Faison, Sister Janie Newkirk, president.

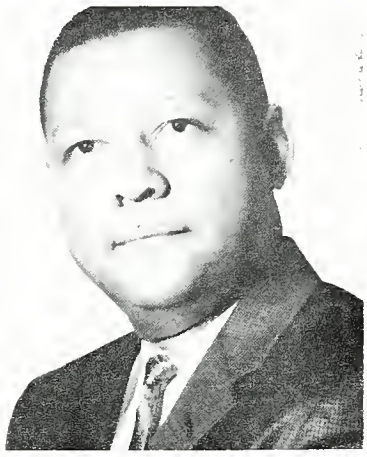
The first of succeeding presidents of Sunday School were Brothers Andrew Henry, W. J. Newkirk, Eddie Newkirk, James L. Newkirk, Willie Stanley, and Lewis Watkins, Jr.

We express best wishes to the Middle District Association in Celebration of its first Centennial.

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

KELLY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Church Family



The Reverend Calvin Johnson

Pleasant Hill Baptist Church is located 1½ miles east of Kelly on Road 1539. It is among the oldest Negro churches in Southeastern North Carolina and was organized after The Civil War. At first this small building with a tall tower could not accommodate its people. For this reason many services were held under an oak tree near this buiding.

Three of the earlier pastors, Reverend Hayes Cromartie, Reverend Hayes Malloy and Reverend Peter McMillian were of Whitehall, North Carolina. The later, traveled to Kelly on a Steam Boat. The fourth pastor, Reverend Sip Smith, formed a choir to which music was taught vocally. For this a choir stand was added.

As the church continued to grow in attendance, annexations were made for a comfortable place in which to worship God. Thus Pleasant Hill Church became a unique part of the Natmore Community.

In April, 1941, this building was destroyed by fire with all its records. Under the leadership of Pastor W. H. Moore, we were in another church by August, 1941. While rebuilding we held our services at the Natmore School.

The church launched special campaigns in the form of revivals with a purpose of reviving the church and convert sinners which is held the week after the second Sunday in August.

This church has produced many inspiring young people to noble efforts in choosing their life's careers. Some of whom are The Late Reverend Hayes Peterson, Moderator of The Middle District Association, The Late Reverend Grady Fennell and Reverend Richard Stringfield, Secretary of The Ministers' and Deacons' Union and Adult Sunday School teacher.

Our present pastor is Reverend Calvin Johnson of Roseboro, North Carolina.

Past Pastors are Reverend Hayes Cromartie, White Hall, N. C.; Reverend Hayes Malloy, White Hall, N. C.; Reverend Peter McMillian, White Hall, N. C.; Reverend Sip Smith, White Hall, N. C.; Reverend J. D. McCrae, Wilmington, N. C.; Reverend C. R. Murray, Willard, N. C.; Reverend C. R. Murry, Willard, N. C.; Reverend A. C. Dixon, Wilmington, N. C.; Reverend William Pickett, Wilmington, N. C.; Reverend W. H. Moore, Wilmington, N. C.; Reverend H. O. Roe, Whiteville, N. C.; Reverend W. A. Rich, Clinton, N. C.; and Reverend G. W. White, Rocky Point, N. C.

Past Deacons are Deacon Henry Peterson, Deacon John Peterson, Deacon Henry Russ, Deacon William Newkirk, Deacon Hanson Hall, Deacon Dock Fennell, Deacon Randall Corbett, Deacon Jasper Corbett, Deacon Elmore Peterson, and Deacon Arie High.

Present Deacons are Deacon Willie Johnson, Deacon General Newkirk, and Deacon William E. Denkins.

Board of Trustees: Hayes Rogers Peterson, Chairman; Grady Peterson, Reverend Richard Stringfield, Deacon Willie Johnson, Deacon William E. Denkins, and Deacon General Newkirk.

Providence Baptist Church

Reverend H. C. Dixon

Providence is one of the original group that was in the organization of the Association. It grew out of Ebenezer Baptist being situated five miles across the river on highway 17.

Many fine pastors served her. Among them was Reverend W. M. Devane who planned and built the present structure.

Reverend W. M. Yeamon is still a loyal member, and serves to our children of Bethlehem and Davis Chapel. Mrs. A. L. Joyner still lives. She is nearly 100 years old.

Please accept our congratulations and count us for loyal support.

REVEREND H. C. DIXON, Pastor
MRS. DOROTHY M. McCOY, Clerk

GREETINGS FROM

Red Hill Missionary Baptist

WARSAW, NORTH CAROLINA

Pastor — REVEREND HARDY GRAHAM

Clerk — Mrs. Mary Stanford

Some of the founders — Brothers Andrew Stanford, Beck Hill, Jacob Brinson, and Sister Polly Graham.

Some of the early pastors — Reverends I. M. Powers, Simmon Hall, Tim Powers, George Boone, and J. McNewkirk and others.

Service is held each First Sunday in the month, and a good Sunday School every Sunday.

Some veteran Sunday School teachers were Mr. Vatson Highsmith and Mr. W. L. Watters.

History of Rosa Greene Baptist Church

Rosa Greene started as a Sunday School in the old Ned Lucas School House. It grew so large until the officers, Reverend A. Carr, Deacon Dennis Johnson, Superintendent Ned Lucas and others decided to organize a church.

In 1898, the Rosa Greene Church was organized. Therefore, the church grew out of a Sunday School.

At that time, Reverend A. Carr acted as pastor until a pastor was called. The Reverend Zeke Johnson was called as first pastor. The second pastor, was Reverend William Devane and under his pastorate the church grew very fast. Then they got together and built a church.

The next pastor was called Reverend Solomon Devane. During this time, there was no choir organized, therefore everyone sang with one accord. The minister then led everything. Devotion, praise service and he preached.

Reverend Hayes Cromartie succeeded Reverend Devane following him was Reverend Sip Smith, and then Reverend C. R. Murray.

The church rapidly grew under the leadership of Reverend C. R. Murray. It was then the members decided to build a larger church out on the highway.

Reverend J. D. McCrae served as pastor. After Reverend McCrae, Reverend Roach Robinson pastored awhile, then came the late Reverend A. G. Dixon who served for thirty or more years.

The present pastor serving now is Reverend R. P. Farrior, who was called in 1959. Reverend Farrior is a great leader and is doing a great work.

During Reverend Farrior's pastorship, we have licensed two ministers. They are Reverend Roy Henry and Reverend Robert Lee Henry.

Officers now working are: R. H. Beatty, John Beatty, Willie Keith, Lee Johnson, Eddie Keith, Jackson Corbett, and Marshall Corbett.

Royals Chapel Baptist Church

Back row: Deacons Winfield Robinson, George Holmes, William Devane.
Front Row: Vander DeVane, Morelle DeVane, and Rev. R. W. Lowe, Pastor.

Royal Chapel Baptist Church

In the fall of 1868 Wells Chapel Baptist Church built a new church for their use and gave its old church to the Negroes who worshipped with them and moved it to Harrells. This church is known as Keathern Church, named for its first pastor, Reverend Dickerson Keaton. In the years that followed Reverend Ransom Royals and Reverend B. J. Brown held the pastorate.

In 1878 it became necessary for convenient sake in distances as membership increased, another church was organized and was named for Reverend Ransom, its first pastor. It was located on The Old Negro Head Road between Harrells and Ivanhoe. The membership grew from 40 to 200. In 1923 another building was built beside the old church under the leadership of Reverend Hayes Peterson. Finally in 1955 the church was moved on the Highway where it now stands.

Ministers served this church are: Reverend Ran som Royals, Andrew Carr, W. H. Moore, Hayes Peterson C. T. Underwood, H. J. Boney, K. S. Davis, J. N. McKnight, G. W. White and Reverend R. W. Lowe who is present pastor.

Ministers ordained from this church are: Reverends David DeVane, George Corbett, Eddie Herring, Thomas Andrews and Reverend Timothy Robinson.

Deacons serving were Brothers William DeVane, Winfield Robinson, George Holmes, James D. DeVane,Vander DeVane, Chairman; Morelle DeVane, and Timothy Robinson.

Trustee Board serving: Brothers Isiah Robinson, Harry Williams, Earnest DeVane, Franklin Corbett, Tommy DeVane, James DeVane, and Thomas Corbett, Chairman.

Auxiliaries and presidents are: Sunday School, James DeVane, Superintendent; B. T. U., Sister Edna Meredith, President; Chief Usher, Mattie DeVane; Nettie Corbett, President of Daughters of Zion and Mission Circle.

As we celebrate our Centennial we hope for many more years of growth.

Saint John Baptist Church, Maple Hill, North Carolina

THE CONGREGATION OF SAINT JOHN BAPTIST CHURCH

ORGANIZED 1882

FOUNDERS

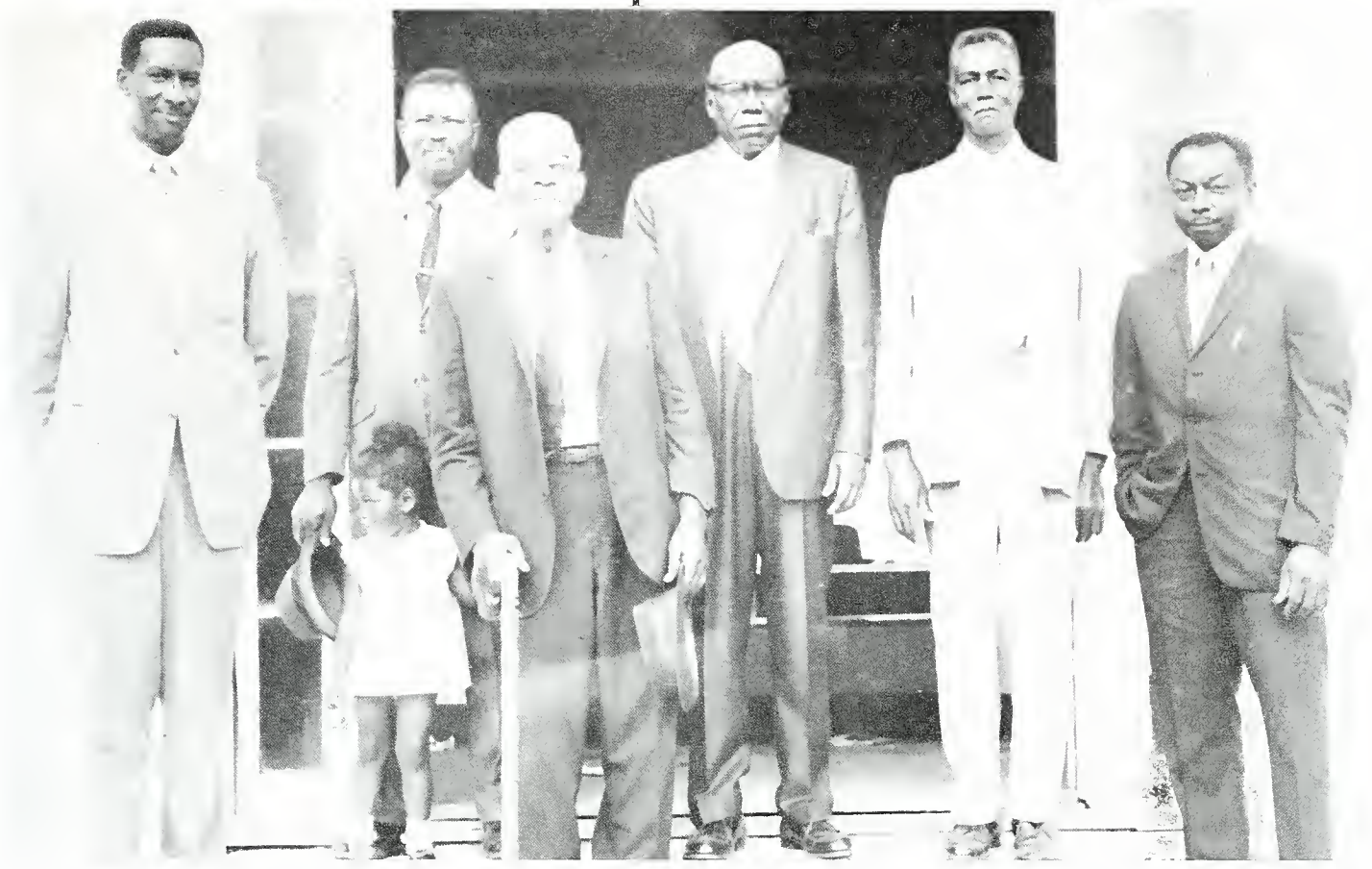
Reverend R. Murray V. Holmes A. Holmes

BOARD OF DEACONS

H. Graham, W. Hill, I. Latham, C. James, E. James, W. Wooten, N. Latham, R. Bannerman, L. Shepard, and J. Watkins.

REVEREND R. L. CARR, Pastor

Saint John Baptist Church No. 1



Saint John Baptist Church No. 3

Around the turn of the century a minister named Reverend Moore came over to the little village of Freeman. There he found a little group of people, farmers and other workers, without a church home but baptist inclined. After much work and prayer, he organized them into the Saint John Baptist Church.

Shortly thereafter, this church joined the Middle District Association and has remained very loyal until this day. It has never grown very large in membership as many were tenant farmers and moved from place to place. At present most of the people own their on homes and the church is growing steadily.

The church has never had a split and is loyal and orthodox.

Many pastors have served but none staying many years. The church has grown from a little wooden church to a stone church with modern facilities and a dining room.

The present pastor has served for more than thirty years and we are still going forward.

We pledge our continued support and wish to congratulate you on one hundred years of progressive leadership to the people of the area.

REVEREND H. C. DIXON, Pastor

MRS. MAMIE JACOBS, Clerk

Saint John — Bolivia — No. 2

Members of the Congregation Pictured with Pastor, Rev. Freeman Gause

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart, and lean not unto thine own understanding." (Proverb 3:5).

Around 1882, a group around Brunswick County to Pitt County seeking to serve God in their own way, decided to have prayer services from house to house until 1895. Mr. John (Jack) Williams was responsible for having actually started this church, as we know it, "Live forever."

Pastors in chronological order were: Reverend Jacob Onslow, pastor of the one room shack of an old vacant house, later to become a log cabin, and the organizer of the first group of deacons: Mr. Ben Johnson, Mr. Major Daniel Reaves and Mr. John Evans. Under this leadership the name was changed to Saint John. From 1910-1916 Reverend Taylor and Reverend Miltear served approximately three years each. Before 1916 Saint John belonged to the Christian denomination. At this time the denomination was changed to Missionary Baptist, thus losing members to other denominations. The pastor of the new denomination was Reverend C. C. Goodman. Under his eight year leadership the church's location was changed, a new building constructed that was to remain until 1964, and new deacon board organized consisting of Mr. Hardy Williams, Mr. Ben Johnson, and Mr. M. D. Reaves. In October, 1917 Deacon Reaves was delegated to represent our church in the Middle District Association.

Our pastors following Reverend Goodman were elected annually. They included Reverend J. D. McCrae, Reverend A. J. Boney, both of Wilmington, Reverend J. N. McKnight, Reverend J. Reaves, Reverend Bell of Virginia and Reverend J. L. Livingston of Scotts Hill. Now a system of indefinite terms was adopted.

Reverend B. P. Stevenson was elected and served from 1944 to 1969. He was followed by our present pastor, Reverend Gause, who is partially responsible for our new, larger and more comfortable place of worship, which is located on Highway 17, 3 miles south of the old location with the deacon board consisting of Mr. M. D. Reaves, Mr. W. B. Johnson and Mr. J. E. Johnson and membership of approximately 145. Other deacons names who weren't mentioned that served from 1924 to 1964 were Mr. Albert Mitchell, Mr. Claude Mitchell, Mr. Roy Turner, Mr. Earl Johnson, Mr. Joe Evans and Mr. B. W. Johnson.

REVEREND FREEMAN GAUSE, Pastor
MRS. BETTIE BROWN, Secretary

Saint Louis Baptist Church

CHINQUAPIN, NORTH CAROLINA

Board of Deacons, St. Louis Baptist Church

Saint Louis Baptist Church was founded September 18, 1877. The first preacher was Reverend John Fennell. The first deacons were Friday Pickett, Harvey Graham, Sr., Arson Lofton, Richard Williams and Henry Graham. Later, the Reverend Hayes Peterson became the Pastor. As time past, other deacons were appointed. They were: D. R. Pickett, Harvey Graham, Jr., Hamlet Lofton, Grant Sharpless, and Tom Pickett.

Through the years the following ministers served as pastors: Reverends J. M. McKnight, Nick Hall, A. J. Boney, J. M. Bell, J. J. House, J. M. Grimes, J. L. Livingstone, and W. K. Raynor. The church was remodeled in 1918 under the leadership of Reverend McKnight.

The Reverend W. K. Raynor has served as pastor of Saint Louis Baptist Church from 1954 until presently. Under his leadership, a new church has been built, a burying society organized. Ten per cent of all money raised is given to the sick, and a special educational fund is set up for our college bound students.

Later, other deacons were appointed — Holly Stokes, Oscar Sharpless, Willie Poole, James Sharpless, Tony Farland, and James T. Williams. As time past, these deacons were appointed — Moses Tuten, Monroe Kelly, George Robert Hill, James Oscar White, Lonza Croom, and Leroy Williams. The land for the church was donated by the late Reverend Sitter Louis. Saint Louis Baptist Church is a friendly church and has a friendly pastor.

> "Our church has but one steeple, as wide as the world is wide, it sits up with a million stars and a million hearts abide; Our church has no creed to bar, a single brother man, but says 'Come and Worship' to all who can; Our church has no roof or walls or floor to save the beautiful soul so fare. It would seem to limit the love of the Unlimited God."

Saint Matthews Baptist Church

ROCKY POINT, NORTH CAROLINA

Saint Matthews Baptist Church

HISTORY 1910-1970

The history recorded and told by the older members is as follows:

Pastors:

At the beginning of the 20th Century in the year 1910, the pastors were the Reverend W. H. Walker and Reverend Corbs. From 1920-1930 the pastors were Reverend Dudley, Reverend Corbett, and Reverend Reeves. From 1930-1939, the church was pastored by the Reverend Carlton, Pinkston and Livingston. From 1939-1971, the church has been led by Reverend F. R. Devane.

Licentiates:

Licentiate ministers on the church roll 1910-1918 were Brother Jesse Hill, Brother Jack Hill and in 1918 Brother Cornelius Hicks, Brother Albert Hall, Brother Robert Moore and Brother Joshua Newkirk.

Sunday School Superintendents:

1930-1938 Brother Sam Clayton
1938-1960 Brother Alexander Moore
1960-Present Brother W. R. Parker

Trustees:

The brethren who served in the capacity of trustees from 1918-Present were Brother Peter Hicks, Brother James Pearson, and Brother Willie Smith.

Clerks:

1912-1924 Brother Sam Clayton
1924-1944 Brother Alexander Moore
1944-1970 Sister Carrie B. Parker

Deacons:

1910-1918 Brothers Richard Hawkins and Jesse McClammy

1924-1944 Brothers John Moore, Reuben Bryant, Sam Clayton, and Eddie Hicks

1931-Present Alexander Moore, D. J. Bush, Stonewall Pearson, Elijah Bush, W. R. Parker, Raymond Williams, Willie Newkirk and Walter Bright.

Saint Matthews Baptist Church is located at Rocky Point, North Carolina, just off Highway 117. The old church building was torn down during the 1940's and the new building was constructed on the site of the old. The present building was brick-veneered during the 1960's.

The Reverend F. R. Devane is pastor.

History of Second Baptist Church — 1886 - 1971

Second Baptist Church, now located at 522 Old Wilmington Road, Fayetteville, North Carolina, began as an outgrowth of Mount Calvary Baptist Church. For many years the density of the area was near this church, therefore most Baptists worshiped there. In the Spring of 1886, The Reverend Henry Adams saw the need for a Baptist Church in the Old Wilmington Road area and along with Deacon Henry Norris, Alex Evans and David Walker began service in the old Hokum Home on Highway 87 South.

The following is a list of pastors who served us and some of the outstanding improvements accomplished under their leadership.

1. Reverend Henry Adams, Fayetteville, N. C.
2. Reverend T. P. Watkins, Birmingham, Ala.
3. Reverend Morrisey, Fayetteville, N. C.
4. Reverend C. K. Boyd, Memphis, Tenn.
   Under the leadership of Reverend Boyd, the Church was built on Wright Street.
5. Reverend Rhome, Fayetteville, N. C.
6. Reverend Dunkin Devane, Fayetteville, N. C.
7. Reverend Foster Melvin, Fayetteville, N. C.
   Service was held only one Sunday a month. Special services were held three Sundays per month if scheduled.
8. Reverend C. E. Perry — 1933-1965
   Reverend Perry, a graduate of Shaw University was recommended to the Church by Deacon David Evans. The recommendation was accepted unanimously.

   Reverend Perry served for seven years the Church on Wright Street. Membership and attendance increased steadily. Many minor repairs and improvements were made to the building but Reverend Perry and the Deacon Board were not satisfied with the location or structure of the building. A drive was launched to buy a new site on the Old Wilmington Road. The drive was an overwhelming success and the present site was purchased. With plans for a new structure in mind a building fund program was launched in January 1939. Members were divided into teams to raise the initial payment.

   The Deacon Board which included the late Charlie Brewington, Alex Evans, Burl Evans, Walter J. McDonald and David Walker invested untold hours formulating practical suggestions, investigating legal matters, devising and seeking financial support. Finally ground breaking services were held during the fall of 1939 and in May, 1940, the first service was held. This building was erected as a wood structure but was later brick veneered. Later under Reverend Perry's leadership an educational department and cafeteria was erected.

   The Reverend Charles E. Perry was indeed a builder for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom.
9. Reverend K. S. Davis, Wilmington, N. C.
   Interior was painted and new cafeteria utensils were purchased. The Board of Education was organized and the attendance continued to grow.
10. Reverend W. E. Beamon, Kinston, N. C.
    Under Reverend Beamon's leadership, the interior of the church has been renovated, new pews for the choir have been purchased, flood lights were installed, the Pulpit Aid was organized and the Men's Club was reorganized.

The Reverend Beamon is a strong advocate of community involvement. For this reason he is diligently working to take religion from between the walls to the community.

The present officers are — Pastor: Reverend W. E. Beamon; Deacons: Thomas L. Jones, William H. McKoy, Willie China, Payton G. Hill, Hardy Parker, Robert Fulmore, Eugene Evans and Lonnie McLaughlin.

The Church now has a membership of approximately 500, 8 active deacons, a Board of Trustees consisting of 5 and 14 functioning organizations. Five choirs and 2 assistant ministers.

CONGRATULATIONS

to

THE OFFICERS, MEMBERS, AND DELEGATES ON THE CELEBRATION OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MIDDLE DISTRICT ASSOCIATION. MAY THE ASSOCIATION CONTINUE TO GROW AND PROSPER.

Shiloh Missionary Baptist Church

719 Walnut Street

WILMINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA

Reverend J. Willie Barnes, A.B., B.Th., M.A., D.D.
Minister

BOARD OF DEACONS

Grant Titus, Chairman
Colon Muldrow, Clerk
James J. Johnson
Wade Murphy
Elisha Simpson
James Kershaw
John H. Williams
Daniel Newkirk
Daniel Harvin
Alexander Bryant
Eddie Newkirk
Wilbert McNeil
Ernest McNeil
Richard Walker

Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church

Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church

Members of Shoulders Branch

Shoulders Branch Missionary Baptist Church was organized in 1865, by Reverend S. M. Burney. The first location was at Shoulders Branch on the old Holly Shelter Road.

In 1937 it was built at the present location in Castle Hayne, North Carolina on Highway 1002. Reverend A. J. Boney, pastor.

In 1954 it was remodeled, with Reverend A. H. Murphy, pastor.

At present Reverend G. P. House is pastor.

DEACON BOARD — James Southerland, Mazie Williams, W. A. Pender, Sr., Leroy Peoples, Sr., and Carl Brinson.

TRUSTEES — W. A. Pender, Sr., Mazie Williams, and James Southerland.

The Wilson Chapel Baptist Church

KELLY, NORTH CAROLINA

The Wilson Chapel Baptist Church was organized in 1901 by Reverend R. R. Rouals Deacons at that time were James Jacobs, Miland Russ, and S. M. Cromartie.

Pastors serving are Reverend R. R. Royals, Kelly, North Carolina; Reverend John Fennell, Rose Hill, North Carolina; Reverend Andrew Carr, Currie, North Carolina; Reverend Henry Bryant, Acme, North Carolina; Reverend Chasley Crumpler, Fayetteville, North Carolina; Reverend M. R. Robinson, Delaware, North Carolina; Reverend W. M. Fennell, Rocky Point, North Carolina; Reverend L. B. Boykins, Delway, North Carolina; Reverend H. C. Dixon, Wilmington, North Carolina; and Reverend R. H. Williams, Clinton, North Carolina.

Reverend R. H. Williams is still pastoring at the present time.

Deacons are the following: Georgie L. Carr, Franklin R. Cromartie, and David T. Simpson.

Mothers of the church are the following: Sister Lula E. Murphy, and Sister Artelia Cromartie Devane, Sister Isabel Lomax.

Superintendent of Sunday School, Brother Julius McKoy.

President of Zion, Sister Artelia DeVane.

President of Missionary Circle, Sister Artelia DeVane.

President of B.T.U., Sister Edna M. Pridgen.

President of Ushers, Sister Isabel Lomax.

History of Snow Hill Baptist Church

Snow Hill Baptist Church

By GRACE CARR

In the early Eighteen Hundreds our church came from Black River Chapel of Ivanhoe, North Carolina. Later on Harvey McCoy, Simon Corbett, Lovest Corbett, Franklin Corbett, William Mack Newkirk built a bush shelter they attended it for a good many years until it came a flood so high until the people couldn't cross so some of the people went and built them a church and named it Royal Chapel. Later on in the years they had a long church, wooden church, and now a cement block. The land was given to us by Miss Nettie Robinson and Mr. James Kerr. The sight that the Church is standing on now was given to us by the daughters of the Robinsons.

Our Daughters of Zion was brought to our church by Reverend J. M. Malachi and Mrs. Mary E. Hollingsworth in 1926. We had one deacon who became an ordained minister in 1946, Edward E. Newkirk.

The preachers and deacons that came to us from 1871 to 1971 were as follows:

Reverends Anders, Keeden, Royal, J. M. Newkirk, Walker, Solomon DeVane, Liggi Tate, Goodman, J. W. Bells, J. D. Ballard, W. M. Boykin, D. C. Fennell, T. T. Williams, J. L. Liverston, B. P. Betha, Sam Moss and C. W. Wright.

Deacons Simon Corbett, Lovest Corbett, Harvey McCoy, Franklin Corbett, William D. Newkirk I, Peter Melvin, Galloway Henry, William D. Newkirk II, Jimmie Henry, Dudley Pridgen, Ed Meredith, Willie L. Newkirk, Moody J. New-Kirk, William M. Newkirk, Winford M. Murphy, Raymond H. Hayes, Lewis Imes, and E. S. Newkirk.

Brief History of The Spring Green Missionary Baptist Church

Members Assemble Following Morning Services

Officers of the Church

The Spring Green Baptist Church was founded in 1867 in the New Berlin Community of Columbus-Brunswick Counties which is now Delco, North Carolina.

In the 1870's the congregation acquired and worshipped in a building at Cronley which is now Acme, North Carolina.

Around 1905, with the membership growing, a new Church was built at its present location in Acme.

The progress of the Church was realized under the fine leadership of six outstanding ministers serving varying pastorships, thirteen deacons, and seven trustees.

Ministers: Reverends Ed Bell, Andrew Carr, Hayes Peterson, Earlie Matthews, George P. House, and V. S. Singletary, now serving.

Deacons: Dennis Perkins, Jacob Rowell, Thomas Johnson, Benjaman McKoy, Kiah Collins, Arthur Saulter, Andrew Perkins, David Gilliam, William Davis, John H. Troy, Eugene Brown, Herman Simpson, and Bernard Troy.

Trustees: James Frederick Bryant, Alexander Smith, Alexander Webb, William L. Davis, Willie M. Brown, Foster Daniels, and David Bryant.

Sons in the Ministry: George Cornelius Granger, David H. Jackson, John Wells, and Dexter Melvin.

Union Baptist Church of Deep Bottom, Wallace, N. C.

Rev. S. M. White

Union Baptist Church of Deep Bottom, Wallace, North Carolina was organized in 1924, by the late Reverend Shepard Newkirk. Our first deacons were Brothers Mike Williams, and J. G. Farrior. Superintendent of Sunday School, James Farrior, Secretary of Sunday School, Lillie Burton, Treasurer of the church, Brother Willie Williams.

Later date: The following ministers served as pastor. Reverend N. H. Hall for one year; Reverend Alex Lawrence for one year; Reverend J. P. Simpson for sixteen year; Reverend S. M. White, our present pastor, has served nineteen years, and under his divine leadership, our church has grown spiritually as well as materially. We have done work on our church to make it a more worshipful church.

An added service has been added. Our Youth have charge of service on Second Sunday at 3:00 P.M., with the Reverend Samuel Walls of Wallace as speaker.

The following are our present officers: Deacon Board — Mike Williams, J. R. Brown, Warden Pickett, Haze Burton, and Monroe Bryant, Jr.

Treasurer, James C. Pickett; Secretary, Kinnie James; Clerk, Gertrude Spearman; Building Committee Comprised of deacons and treasurer. Sunday School Superintendent, Robert West, Secretary, Christine Williams; Treasurer, Evelyn Bryant.

Our B. T. U. and Usher Board are active and at work. We are happy to be a part of the Middle District Association and pray for strength to grow day by day.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE 100th ANNIVERSARY

Wards Chapel Baptist Church

ORGANIZED AUGUST 28, 1894

ROUTE 1, ROSE HILL, NORTH CAROLINA

PASTOR, REVEREND EZKIEL SUTTON

La Grange, North Carolina

Ward Chapel Service is held the Third Sunday in each month.

Clerk, Mrs. Lillie W. Pridgen, Rose Hill, North Carolina

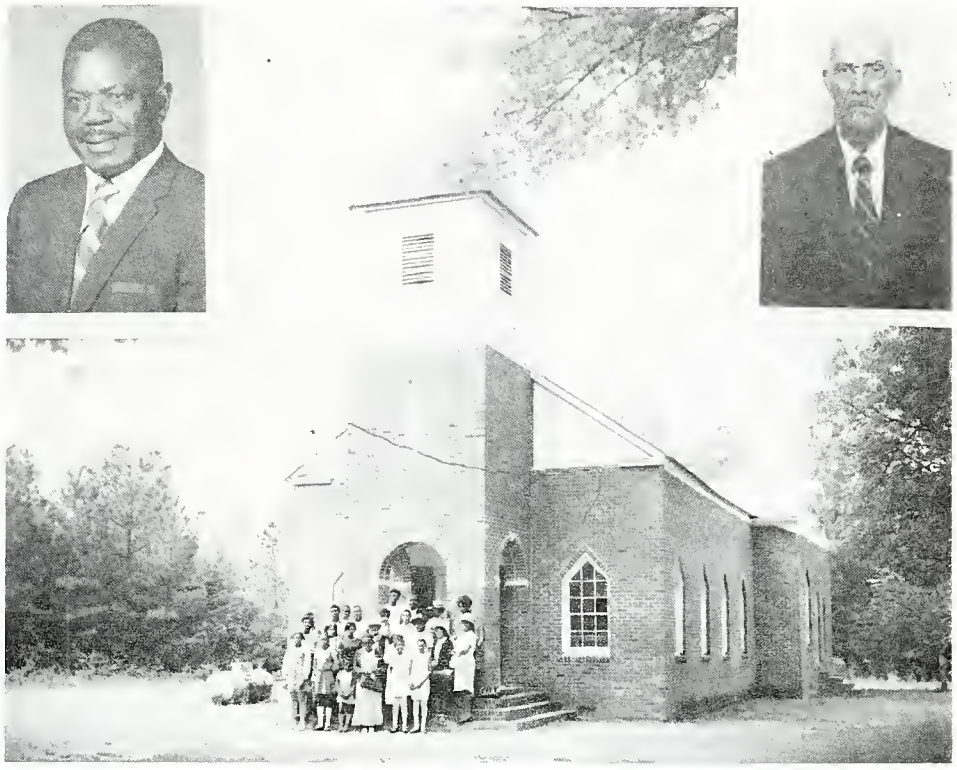
Sunday School Superintendent, Brother James D. West, Jr.

Deacons: Brothers John Pickett, James D. West, Mancy Devane, and Robert Devane.

Some former pastors: Reverends R. L. Carr, Archie Carr, G. P. House, F. R. Devane and John Beese.

CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR GROWTH AND PROGRESS

Church History — Union Hill Baptist Church



Pictured Reverend W. H. Mainor, Deacon Tom Crumpler and Congregation

About the year 1920, Union Hill was formed by the uniting of Autryville and Sweet Home Baptist Churches which were located a distance from the community in an effort to better serve the people and make church attendance more convenient.

The two frame buildings were combined to construct the worship center on land secured from Sister Martha Artis at the present site. Serving as pastor was the Reverend Charlie Murray with Deacons Sandy Smith, Grant Melvin, Guthrie Crumpler, Amos Smith, and Tom Crumpler, sole survivor, guiding the destiny.

Other pastors have been Reverend Lonnie Raeford, H. C. Dixon, A. G. Boone, A. H. Murphy, S. D. Saulters and presently Reverend W. H. Mainor. The present brick structure was initiated under the leadership of Reverend Saulters. Much remains to be accomplished and we depend on God's guidance as we continue our improvement.

We salute our senior citizens who have given faithful service, untiring leadership, and spiritual guidance through the years. They still serve well: Sisters N. L. Smith, Carrie Crumpler, Lizzie Forte, Hattie Simpson and Sister Carrie B. Hales.

The present Deacon Board members are Deacons Tom Crumpler, Mayson, chairman; James McAllister, Henry Munn and Preston Artis.

Sunday School Convention Board

CONGRATULATIONS to the Middle District Baptist Centennial for one hundred years of service in spreading Christianity and Evangelism throughout the state and other areas.

The North East and Cape Fear Board of Directors. From left to right — Sister Mabel Powell, Reverend R. L. Carr, Chairman, Reverend H. C. Dixon, President of Sunday School Convention; Abraham McKoy, Sister Lillian R. Shaw, Reverend L. B. Boykin, Sister Edna Wallace, R. W. Carlton, Sister Ludia D. Washington.

HELEN K. CARR

President of The Middle District Missionary Baptist Daughters of Zion Auxiliary. Since 1946.

Greetings and Congratulations to The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association on their Centennial Celebration of continued Christian service. We hope for you even greater success in the years which lay ahead.

Daughters of Zion

In 1876, the organization known as the Daughters of Zion was organized. This was predominately local and was led by the women of the various churches. It was organized by Mrs. W. H. Banks and Mrs. Mary E. McKenzie.

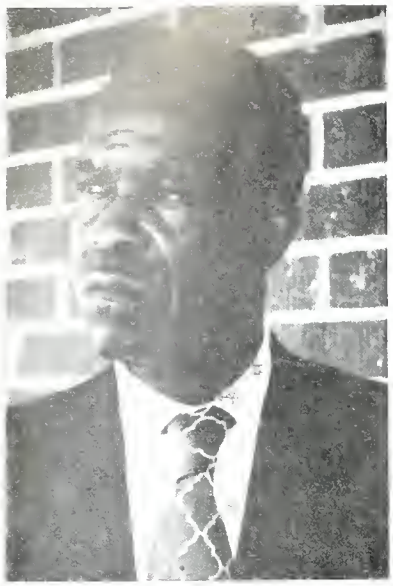
Mrs. Banks was the first president, second, Mrs. McKenzie: third, Mrs. Diannah Johnson; fourth, Mrs. A. Maria Hayes; fifth, Mrs. Lizzie Newkirk, sixth and present, Mrs. Helen K. Carr.

Recording Secretaries were Mrs. Sarah Sellars, Mrs. Docia Carr, Mrs. M. E. Hollingsworth, and presently, Mrs. Beatrice Fennell.

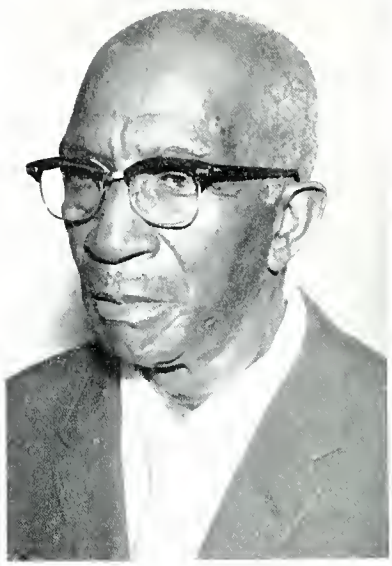
Counsellors were Reverends R. Royals, Andrew Carr, H. Peterson, and presently, Reverend R. L. Carr.

When the Daughters of Zion was first organized, it was organized to just work around the church as janitors and custodians. The women went to Church on Friday to get the Church cleaned up for services on Sunday. Someone suggested a prayer meeting after the cleaning, and from that Prayer Meeting, the Daughters of Zion was organized.

Since the organization, it has grown to be one of the largest bodies connected with the Association. With the Motto, "Lift As We Climb," the Daughters of Zion have been able to do many things in the field of Missions — both home and abroad.



Reverend R. P. Farrior, President of The B. T. U. Auxiliary of The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association.



Brother J. Wesley DeVane
President, Usher Board Union

GROWTH OF THE B.T.U. AND USHERS' CONVENTION OF THE MIDDLE DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Vision having materalized as to growing church population with larger edifices being erected, the need for modified seating was encountered. Hence, the **first** Ushers' Convention of the Middle District Association was organized by the late Reverend W. H. Moore in Shiloh Baptist Church in 1907. Throughout the Association area, Usher Boards in all of the churches have grown to great usefulness.

It has the obeyed guidance of the parent body according to its constitution.

Since 1929, the **then** B.Y.P.U. was organized by the late Reverend J. D. McCrae at Mount Gilead Baptist Church, Rose Hill, North Carolina. The **now** Training Union strives to religiously educate children. The B. T. U. also supports Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

Both the B.T.U. and Ushers' Conventions have worked together as twins for a goodly number of years. They wholeheartedly support Training Camps. They also give Scholarships to the musically inclined so that they may spread God's word through music and song.

Christian growth and education has been the sought out goal for both. The organizations have grown rapidly under the leadership of dedicated leaders. Like the torch bearers of old, the leadership is passed from one dynamic person to another.

Due to the unceasing wisdom and guidance of the B. T. U. and Ushers' Presidents, these Auxiliaries have been able to support the Association both spiritually and financially.

Jointly, we wish to congratulate the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association for a century of progress.

REVEREND R. P. FARRIOR, B.T.U. President
BROTHER J. W. DEVANE, Ushers' President

A Resume of The Woman's Missionary Auxiliary of the Middle District Association as prepared by information given by the present President, Mrs. Lucille M. Mack in the 27th year of its Founding.

The Auxiliary has its beginning June 21, 1943 at the Union Meeting of the Middle District Association held with the Spring Green Baptist Church, Acme, North Carolina.

Some of the Leaders who were responsible for its birth were The Late Reverends J. D. McCrae and H. C. Dixon. Sisters Hannah E. Rooks, Margaret A. Mills, The Late Mattie J. Fennell, The Late Mary A. Boykins and and The Late Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Three years later in 1946, the Auxiliary was fully organized at a meeting held with the Royals Chapel Baptist Church, Ivanhoe, North Carolina.

The first officers elected were Sisters M. Mack, President; Reverend A. H. Dixon, Counsellor; Late Sister Mattie J. Fennell, Recording Secretary; Late Sister Mary A. Boykins, Corresponding Secretary; Sister Margaret A. Mill, Treasurer.

Present Officers: Reverends L. B. Boykins, Counselor; Sister Gladys Dobbins, Recording Secretary; Sister Myrtle M. Coston, Corresponding Secretary; Sister L. D. Washington, Junior Supervisor; Sister Bessie J. Wilson, General Supervisor.

Other leaders include four Vice Presidents, and Executive Board and 14 District Supervisors.

The work of the Auxiliary has been very fruitful, serving not only the people of this Association but has reached and helped many in Foreign Lands.

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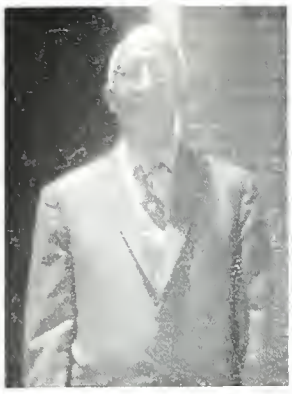

Vice-President
Wesley Devane

Secretary
Linwood McAllister

Treasurer
Amy Herring
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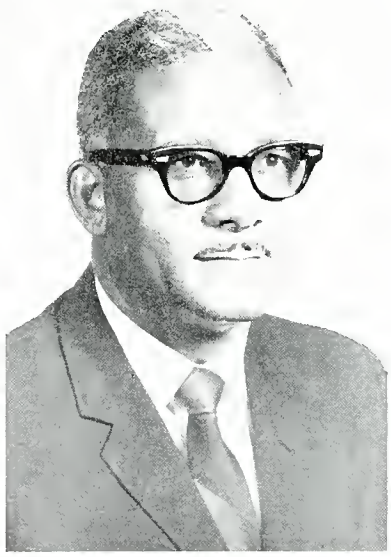
LAYMAN'S LEAGUE

The Middle District Association's Layman's League has been a very active Auxiliary. It has made generous donations to the Burgaw Institute, Central Orphanage, Shaw University, and Foreign Missions.



REVEREND H. R. COGDELL

President of the Ministers' and Deacons' Union of the Middle District Baptist Association, Pastor of the Lisbon Street Baptist Church, Clinton North Carolina.

Mrs. Ethel Malloy

Mrs. Bessie Wilson

Mrs. Jerusha Herring

THE EAST CUMBERLAND MISSIONARY UNION

The East Cumberland Missionary Union was organized in the year of our Lord, September 16, 1945, by Mrs. Bessie Wilson, a worker from the Missionary Department of the Middle District Association. Mrs. Ethel Malloy as secretary, the late Mrs. Verta L. Smith acting as president, called the meeting to order and committees were appointed. They were asked to read their report names as follows:

President, Mrs. Rena Cromarta; Vice President, Mrs. Daisy Herring; Secretary, Mrs. Ethel Malloy; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Jerusha Herring; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida McGuire; Junior Special Worker, The Late Mrs. Chlorine Herring; and Special Worker, The Late Mrs. Verta L. Smith.

We have made a great improvement. The present ones in charge:

President, Mrs. Rena Cromarta; First Vice, Mrs. Lorene McLeod; Second Vice, Mrs. Beulah Forte; Third Vice, Mrs. Daisy Walker; Junior Special Worker, Mrs. Leola Smith; Advisory, Miss Addie McGuire; Senior Special Worker, Mrs. Ethel Malloy; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida McGuire; Secretary, Mrs. Ruby Bryant; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Hattie McAllister.

GREETINGS FROM SISTER W. C. SOMERVILLE

WASHINGTON, D. C.

To the Middle District Baptist Association I extend greetings to you upon your One Hundredth Anniversary of spiritual work with in your Association.

For the past few years I have visited with the East Cumberland Mission Union an auxiliary of your Association. They are carrying on a great mission work.

On June the 20th, 1971, I met with the Union Hill Baptist Church at Autryville, North Carolina. A substantial contribution was presented to me to help carry on Mission work, coming from the Junior Department of the said Union.

We wish you much success on your Anniversary and may God bless you.

SISTER W. C. SOMERVILLE

Greetings To The Middle District Association On Its Centennial Celebration

Reverend R. L. Carr
Pastor of Lewis Chapel for Twenty-Six Years

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MIDDLE DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ON ITS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION!

Milton Grove Baptist Church

PASTOR ..... REVEREND F. L. DANIELS
GOLDSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA

DEACONS — Brothers Valley Henry, Raymond Vann and Romey Henry

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT ..... Mr. Rayomnd Vann

SECRETARY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ..... Miss Estelle Vann

PIANIST ..... Mrs. Lelia Corbett

CLERK OF CHURCH ..... Miss Estelle Vann

THE CHURCH WAS ORGANIZED MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO.

SOME FORMER PASTORS — Reverend Will Boykin, Reverend A. H. Dixon, Reverend C. R. Murray, and Reverend A. J. Merritt.

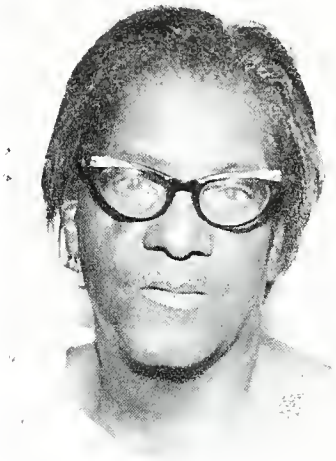
SERVICE IS HELD EACH FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.

CONGRATULATIONS ON THE HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

Retired Teacher, affiliated with Church Music, training division, Sunday School Convention, B. T. U., and Ushers, and other organizations, at present, a member of First Baptist Church, Teachey.

MRS. H. R. DOBBINS

GREETINGS AND BEST WISHES



MRS. LUDIA D. WASHINGTON

Directress of Training Department of the North East and Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, Supervisor of Junior Missionary Department, also board member, Chairman of the Program Committee of the B. T. U. and Ushers Association.

Secretary and Training Directress of home church, Christian Chapel Number 1.

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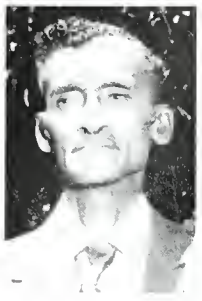


MR. L. T. BELLAMY

Chairman of Trustee Board, Mount Pisgah Church,

Burgaw, North Carolina.

MRS. ARTELIA C. DeVANE

Vice President of The Middle District Baptist Daughters of Zion Auxiliary also president of this auxiliary and the Missionary circles, a worker in all phases of the church's activities and auxiliaries which is Wilson Chapel, the home church, Kelly, North Carolina.

Congratulations to you on your Centennial Celebration.

MRS. MARY A. FENNELL

GREETINGS AND CONGRATULATIONS
TO OUR
MIDDLE DISTRICT BAPTIST CENTENNIAL
CELEBRATION

A retired teacher and a dynamic social and civic community worker also a devoted worker in all phases of Keathern's Church auxiliaries. Twenty years Junior Supervisor for The Home and Foreign Mission Auxiliary. Recording Secretary of the B. Y. P. U. Convention and was crowned "Queen" Miss North Carolina during a session being held at High Point, North Carolina in 1956. At present serving as a District Superintendent in The North East And Cape Fear Sunday School Convention.

JAMES T. HOLLINGSWORTH

Greetings and congratulations on your Centennial Celebration of your one hundred years of growth and development. A community social and civic worker, a Vista worker with the Community Action Council at Rose Hill working in Sampson County to assist lower income people to learn to help themselves. He is a member of Keathern Church, Harrells who works in all phases of its activities. A deacon, treasurer of the church and chairman of the building program being in charge of our new remodeling program.

Congratulations . . .

Mrs. Margaret A. Mills

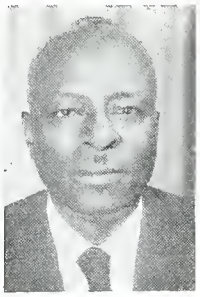
Mrs. Carrie S. Newkirk

OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STORY

The Lakes Chapel Vacation Bible School has done a great work in reaching, teaching, winning, and developing people for better Christian service.

For many years our school was sponsored by the missionary sisters, spearheaded by Mrs. Margaret A. Mills. Working with Mrs. Mills later, was Mrs. Carrie S. Newkirk, who sensing her inadequacy for the task, in 1962 took a study course in "Better Vacation Bible Schools" at the State Convention.

As an outgrowth of this course, and with much encouragement from our devoted pastor, Reverend R. P. Farrior, the church came to the realization that vacation Bible School should be a regular part of the church program, to be included in its yearly calendar of events. Since then, we have had many more rewarding experiences. We congratulate the Association upon the observance of its Centennial Celebration.



R. F. LEE

Deacon, Ebenezer Baptist Church, former Superintendent of Sunday School, business, civic and religious leader, World War I veteran and very active in veterans' work. At present, he is very active with the business and professional club. He is semi-retired real estate dealer, precinct Captain and a friend to man.

Greetings and Best Wishes to The Middle District Missionary Baptist Association as you celebrate your one hundred years of growth and development.

MARY LEE MILLS, Nurse Director
Formerly of Watha, North Carolina

Comprehensive Health Service Branch, Community Health Service, Health Service and Mental Health Administration, Washington, D. C.

For distinguished Public Health Nursing direction of sanitation, smallpox vaccination, malaria eradication, midwifery and obstetrical programs in Liberia, Vietnam, Chad, Lebanon and Combodia, and in domestic and rural United States.

Miss Mills has her Ph.D. Degree, has been awarded many distinguished medals for service rendered in Public Health Nursing in these places, namely: Africa, India, and the United States. Her leadership and professional knowledge have benefitted many throughout the world and will provide a challenge and guide for those who follow in her footsteps.

Her present location is Washington, D. C., and all orders for her work come from the White House. Her native home is Watha, North Carolina.

Congratulations . . .

MRS. THELMA W. McMILLAN

Teacher of Vacation Bible School of Mount Pisgah Church
Burgaw, North Carolina

CONGRATULATIONS ON 100 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

MR. H. J. McMILLAN

Superintendent of Mount Pisgah Sunday School,
Burgaw, North Carolina

Congratulations on One Hundred Years of Service!

REVEREND W. A. BONEY

and

MRS. L. S. GALLOWAY

Pastor and Secretary

SAINT MARY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Highway 17 South

Winnabow, North Carolina

SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS

MRS. LILLIAN W. SHAW

Corresponding Secretary of N. E. and C. F. Sunday School Convention and Supervisor of Bible School of Mount Pisgah Church, Burgaw, North Carolina

In Memoriam

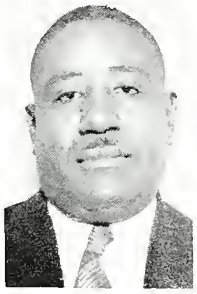
IN MEMORY OF

REVEREND OSCAR L. BENNETT

By His Wife, Mrs. Comey Bennett and

Falling Run Baptist Church

Fayetteville, North Carolina



Rev. Brooks

IN MEMORY OF

REVEREND T. H. BROOKS, Superintendent

The Central Orphanage of North Carolina

Oxford, North Carolina

He dedicated a life of service to mankind, The Orphanage and its children.

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Orphanage Worker
Harrells, North Carolina

THE LATE REVEREND JAMES S. CROMARTIE

(3 January 1917 to 27 February 1965)

The oldest of five children born to Walter and Artelia Cromartie on 3 January 1917 in Kelly, North Carolina. He received his elementary and high school education in Bladen County, North Carolina. Joined the Wilson Chapel Baptist Church, Kelly at the age of 10. He was a member of the United States Army during the period February, 1942 to February, 1944.

Reverend Cromartie was united in Holy matrimony to Maggie Peterson on 13 February 1943, and to this union two sons were born, James, Jr., and Eric T. Having been licensed to the ministry, by the Wilson Chapel Baptist Church, he was ordained by an Ordaining Council composed of the Moderator and four other ministerial brethren of the Middle District Association on 20 July 1952. February 1953, he went to Washington, D. C and entered the Washington Baptist Seminary, there he immediately joined the Mount Olive Baptist Church and served with the Senior Choir until he was called as the Assistant Pastor of the Pilgrim Baptist Church.

On the Fourth Sunday in May, 1957, he was installed as Pastor of Pilgrim Baptist Church. On 10 June 1957 he graduated from the Washington Baptist Seminary, having completed the Theological course as prescribed by that institution. Reverend Cromartie served as Pastor of Pilgrim until his death on 27 February 1965. At the time of his death he was a member of the Mount Olive Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. and a member of the Middle District Baptist Association.

Reverend J. S. Cromartie

In Memoriam

IN MEMORIAM TO OUR PARENTS

In memory of our parents — Mr. and Mrs. William Kiby DeVane and Margie S. Herring DeVane, who passed to their reward; and in reverence to them in the precepts and examples, for teaching and training us to follow the good, honest and prayer life.

For a numbr of years as teachers, in the school systems, led us to improve and strive for an education and to become worthy citizens.

Thus in the link of the legacy may we, their living offsprings, so aspire in the shadow of their influence, in paths of esteem that heritage so bestowed in inspiration to imitate the spirit of our creator.

To them who have been called beyond the river with the silent voices of loved ones — we say in hope "our thanks." May we pledge increased devotion to the tasks of life yet beyond us and remain loyal to this fulfilment in years to come.

"Life is a book of volume three,
The Past, The Present and the Yet to-Be.
The first is written and laid away,
The second we are writing day by day
The next and last of the volume three
Is locked from sight — God holds the key."

Cato C. DeVane, Sr.
Olivia Inez DeVane
Jethro J. DeVane
Herbert Morell DeVane
Mildred DeVane Daniels
Montrose Lawrence DeVane
Mary DeVane English
Dorletha DeVane Pridgen

In Memoriam

MOTHER

Deacon Isaac Smith and Mary Smith

By Isaac Smith, Son

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER AND WIFE

Mrs. Rosa Cogdell

Who Departed This Life February 7, 1967

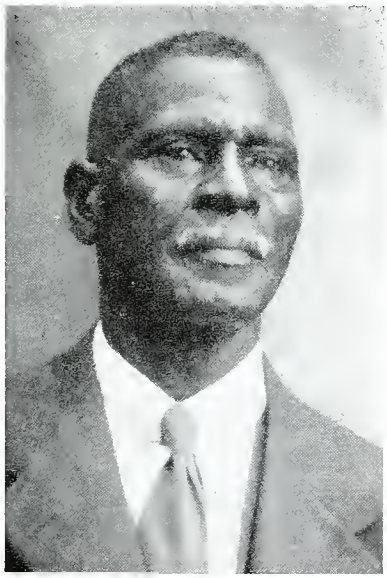
By Husband, T. V. Cogdell and Children: James, Theodore, Helen, Reverend H. R., Edgar, Ander, Mable and Ambrose.

REVEREND G. L. FENNELL

Atkinson, North Carolina

Pastor, Member of Executive Board, Moderator of Union of Middle District Association.

"Gone But Not Forgotten."



Reverend A. H. Dixon

Reverend Abron H. Dixon, known to his friends as "Abe" was a life long member of Christian Chapel Missionary Baptist Church of R.F.D., Rose Hill, North Carolina.

He was a member of and strong supporter of each August Body of the Middle District Missionary Baptist Association, also a main factor in maintaining and up grading the once C. F. Pope School at Burgaw, N. C. He was modern in his thinking and outreach in education and Christian growth.

He answered the call to the ministry. He was a dynamic preacher with great deliverance.

He held pastorates in many of the churches throughout the Assocational area, some of which were Watha's Chapel, Betholite, Pike Creek, Piney Grove, Mount Pleasant, Bearskin, "McCallops Chapel," First Baptist Turkey, Rosy Green, Pleasant Hill, First Baptist Teachey, Newkirk Chapel, Falling Run, First Baptist, Ingold and others.

He was a member of the Presbytery Board of the Association, Board of the Burgaw School in Burgaw.

He was well versed in Baptist Doctrine and sound in faith.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Mattie J. Fennell

In Loving Memory of Our Mother

MRS. MATTIE J. FENNELL

August 8, 1970

A State Missionary and Great Church Worker

"The Memory of your presence will never die."

By the Children —

Mrs. Rebecca Tomlin, Miss Evelyn Fennell, Jake, Jerome, Chevis and Morris Fennell

1868 1959

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR MOTHER
MRS. MARY E. HOLLINGSWORTH

"She is not dead. She is just away."

She was a great worker and very active, always ready to do what she could.

A teacher, Home and Foreign Missionary Worker, Missionary and Secretary of The Daughters of Zion Auxiliary for fifty years, Counsellor for Lower Sampson Missionary Circles and a Worker for The Oxford Orphanage.

Passed April 10, 1959

Daughters — Mrs. Maggie Hollingsworth and Mrs. Annie Jackson

In Memoriam

A BROTHER BELOVED, a cherished Friend, a resourceful and enthusiastic Craftsman, and a venerable Religious Leader — the late Reverend James Malachi Newkirk of Rose Hill was memoralized in final rites May 22, 1967, 3:00 P.M., at the First Baptist Church of his home community.

A man of extraordinary native ability, with a keen intellect, and with a distinctive life philosophy, Brother Newkirk's long sojourn among us was productive of many good works — in many areas of service. Farmer, Teacher, Pastor, he served each of these important roles with large effectiveness; and in each he attained a significant degree of success. **Some sixty-five years in the pastorate, and thirty-five as Associational Moderator (Kenansville Eastern),** our late Brother Newkirk's leadership record is an impressive one!

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. C. B. BARKER

1905-1970

Teacher — Leader of Youth

She died at she lived — in love

IN MEMORIAM

HENRIETTA KEA

IN LOVING MEMORY OF

PROFESSOR JUNIUS A. FENNELL

Principal of Burgaw High School — 1907-1913

Professor Fennell died at an early age, giving his life for his school.

Administrator

Educator

Apostle of International Good Will. Now he belong to the ages.

Remembered by his Niece
Maggie Hollingsworth

In Memoriam

A SHORT SKETCH OF HIS LIFE AND WORKS

C. F. POPE — 1914-1942

Clergyman — Principal of The C. F. Pope High School, Burgaw, N. C.

"I was born in Northampson County, North Carolina, near the town of Rich Square. Parents: John and Penelope (Hall) Pope. My parents moved to Hertford County, North Carolina, near Ahoskie, when I was about seven or eight years old.

I married Lizzie Beatrice Edmondson of Lexington, Virginia June 29, 1906. My wife died, April 11, 1940.

Education: I attended the Public Elementary Schools of Hertford County, and Waters Institute, Winton, North Carolina, now The Calvin Scott Brown High School, from which I was graduated in 1897. I did my college and theological work at Shaw, Raleigh, North Carolina, graduating in 1901 with the degree of A.B. and B.Th.

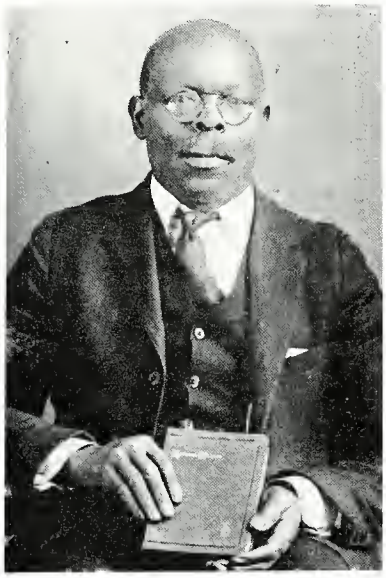
Summer School Courses: Hampton Institute, three Summers; Virginia Union University, one Summer; University of Chicago, 1908 and 1912; Columbia University, New York City, 1923, 1926, 1935 and 1937.

Pastorial charges: New Liberty Baptist Church, near Youngsville, North Carolina twenty-three (23) years; Pleasant Plains Baptist Church, near Ahoskie, North Carolina, two years; New Providence Baptist Church, twelve miles south of Raleigh, one year.

Teaching experience: Public schools of Hertford County, four years; Waters Institute, Winton, North Carolina, three years; Shaw University, eleven years; Burgaw, twenty-eight (28) years.

I am a member of the Colored Teachers Association; North Carolina Commission on Interracial Cooperation; The Free and Independent Order of Masons."

In Memoriam



Reverend H. Peterson

REVEREND HAYES PETERSON — (June 22, 1860-December 26, 1951)

A scholar, educator, gentleman, husband, father, and friend, are but a few of the adjectives which have been used to describe the invincible spirit of the late Reverend Hayes Peterson. His sixty-two years of dedicated service in the ministry can be confirmed by the numerous people who have had the opportunity to come under his inspiring and soul touching messages.

Reverend Peterson's passing into the Great Beyond (December 26, 1951) created a great vacuum in our religious community, but he left the seeds of a steadfast belief in God for those who succeeded him.

He resided at Route 2, Box 91, Kelly, North Carolina, where his widow, Mrs. Rosie Lee Peterson still lives. There were four children born to this union: Grady and Lacy, Kelly; Maggie Cromartie, Washington, D. C., and Johnsie Carrington, Durham, North Carolina.

A contemplation of God's work, a generous concern for the good of mankind, and the unfeigned exercise of humility — these only, denominate men great and glorious.

Remembered by his wife, Mrs. Rosie Lee Peterson and Children — Grady, Maggie, Lacy and Johnsie.

THE LATE MRS. JOSEPHINE WILLIAMS

The Late Mrs. Josephine Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Mills of Watha, North Carolina, a graduate of Burgaw High School and Apex Beauty College in Brooklyn, New York of which she worked in this line until her sight began to fail. She then attended the Blind Center at Butner, North Carolina for training. Here through the touch system she learned to do faultlessly all her housework and the operation of all the business of her privately owned store with an all seeing mind's eye, even to the extent of traveling when and where she wished.

In her church, Lakes Chapel and community she did social and civic work of lecturing on useful activities for the blind, taught classes in the Sunday School and gave training lessons in music and choral Club.

Like Helen Keller, she lead a useful and happy life not letting her blindness handicap her.

Mrs. Josephine Williams

In Memoriam

Reverend J. D. McRae

Reverend J. D. McRae of Wilmington, North Carolina was born in Marlboro County, South Carolina on June 9, 1883, the son of Pinkney and Laura McCrae. He attended school at Benedict College, Columbia, South Carolina and the North Carolina College for Negroes at Durham, North Carolina. He was ordained to the ministry at Vance, North Carolina by the Council of the Shiloh Baptist Association in 1910 and has served the following churches: Antioch, Goldsboro, N. C.; First Baptist Church, Battlesboro, N. C.; First Baptist, Fairmont, N. C.; Caintuck, Currie, N. C.; and Mount Pisgah, Burgaw, N. C.

On December 27, 1916, he married Mrs. Bertha Batts of Chinquapin, North Carolina, who later became Treasurer of the Daughters of Zion Convention. Their children were Harlee Henderson, James Norris, Aaron Adel, Isaac David and Charity Sonolia.

During his very active ministry he served as founder and president of the BYPU Convention, The NE and Cape Fear Sunday School Convention, as Vice Moderator and then Moderator of the Middle District Association. He was also the business manager of the Burgaw Ministers' Institute. It was while on duty at the latter, that he departed this life.

Reverend McRae was a man of great energy and resourcefulness. He was a wonderful father and husband and made every effort to insure that his family was active in the activities of the church. Besides being successful as a minister he was also a successful farmer.

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